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Sasha Alsop sits on the edge of McAfee Knob in Virginia during her trek along the Appalachian Trail. The area roughly marked the half-way point of her trip.

One woman's journey from Georgia to Maine

By Rebecca Piro

During the five and a half months she spent hiking the Appalachian Trail, Andover resident Sasha Alsop gained confidence, self-awareness, physical strength – and a new appreciation for Snickers bars.

"That's all I ate," the 27-year-old laughs.

Alsop returned home two weeks ago after walking 2,160 miles, or 15 to 20 miles per day. She covered the entire length of the trail, starting in Georgia and finishing in Maine.

"I wanted to see if I could

carry everything I own on my back for six months," Alsop says. That that's where the Snickers bars come in – she sees them as maximum calories at minimal weight.

She also improved her camping and survival skills, and picked up a new friend along the way. Staying with her at the Alsop home on Hidden Road is Michiel Carlier, 25. He came to the US from the Netherlands, specifically to walk the trail.

Alsop calls Carlier "Cheeta," his trail name. "My jacket

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Looking ahead: Town spending

What will Andover cut?

Salaries drive budget; Selectman: town to be \$3 million in hole

By Rebecca Piro

Town officials say Andover's next budget could require rollbacks in service to residents – or layoffs of town employees.

"We're going to be fighting hard not to have to cut people," says Selectman Brian Major. "We're spending beyond our means."

Strategic Planning Task Force members, who include School Committee members,

selectmen, Finance Committee members and some department heads, say the financial problem facing Andover officials and taxpayers this year is worse than last year, when residents refused an override of Proposition 2½.

The town is struggling to meet existing operating costs – such as employee salaries, health care and benefits, and public services including trash removal and building maintenance, they say.

Costs

Salaries make up about 70 percent of Andover's total budget. The town added to its employee base this year most notably by hiring new positions to staff the two new schools that opened in September. The town has also locked itself into most of the contracts with the various bargaining units it employs. Those contracts all guarantee annual raises for employees.

"The problem we have now is the economy has gotten a lot worse than anyone predicted when we signed the contracts," says Finance Committee member Joanne Marden.

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Schools won't seek more education money as goal

By Ben Hellman

School Committee member Gerry Gustus does not plan to revisit his proposal that one of the School Committee's goals should be earmarking a larger percentage of Andover's budget for education.

Following voters' rejection of a Proposition 2½ override for the schools last spring, Gustus proposed at the last committee meeting the following goal: that the schools receive 48 percent of Andover's budget.

The proposal died with a 2-2 tie, with member Dick Collins supporting the

effort. Member Christopher Smith, whose vote could have broken the tie, was absent from the meeting.

Smith indicated this week that he would not have supported Gustus' proposal. "It's a very worthwhile proposal. The School Committee is not necessarily the appropriate venue for it. If Gerry feels strongly about it, it's something he could put forward to the community at large at Town Meeting," said Smith. Gustus says he will not revisit the issue with the School Committee. "I believe in respecting the vote of the committee,"

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

While many parents would like to see class sizes reduced, that seems unlikely because of Andover's budget issues. Above, Shawsheen School kindergarten teacher Martha Gibson asks the students about a book she is reading to them. Shawsheen kindergarten has some of the smallest class sizes in town.

Following North Andover order, local Voice group is... Watching and waiting

By Rebecca Piro

Andover's Voice of the Faithful chapter is meeting Wednesday at St. Robert Bellarmine Church – and it's not planning on rescheduling.

But members of the group that calls itself a reformer of the Catholic Church are on alert, following the news that its sister chapter, based in North Andover, was ordered this week to cease congregating at St. Michael's Parish.

The man who issued the order to St. Michael's pastor is Auxiliary Bishop Emilio Allue – the same bishop who presides over Andover.

Andover's group is hoping that the same fate does not befall it.

"Obviously, we're concerned," says JoAnne Nowak, a founding member of



FILE PHOTO

JoAnne Nowak, a founder of Andover's Voice of the Faithful chapter, outside St. Robert Church.

Andover's chapter. Since it was organized in May in response to the Catholic Church's sex-abuse scandal, the chapter has grown to

more than 70 members. "We're all kind of watching and waiting, because (the order) does come from an auxiliary bishop that does have power over all the (area) parishes," she says.

Allue's actions were prompted by a petition from Faithful Voice, a band of St. Michael's parishioners who oppose Voice of the Faithful. Some have accused Voice of the Faithful of having a hidden agenda of trying to further women's and gay rights. They wrote to the bishop and asked him to stop the group from meeting in a house of God.

"They wanted to work outside the Church to change the Church, and to me, you don't do that," says Norma Tate, a parishioner at St. Michael's who also par-

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Calling all youth-center supporters...

\$1.8 million from fundraising goal, AYF plans four-day TV telethon

By Judy Wakefield

Andover is taking a cue from the Jerry Lewis telethon and hosting its own version to raise money for the new youth center.

Saying Andoverites are "auctioned-out," organizers are doing something they say has never been done before in town to raise money. They are hosting a four-day telethon that will be broadcast live on Andover's cable station. The event is set for Jan. 28 to 31, 2003. The phone banks will be set up for three hours each night, from 6:30 to 9:30, at the Collins Center, adjacent to Andover High School.

"People can call us with their donations and viewers can catch the local cable channel to see what's going on," explained Sheila Stone of the Andover Youth Foundation, a private group that's building a new youth center in town.

Stone was a key organizer of last fall's successful Raise the Roof Auction. About \$75,000 was raised for the new youth center's building campaign.

Auctions dot Andover's fundraising scene, with schools and other non-profit groups frequently hosting them. Stone believes the auction appeal has run its course.

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover teens will help answer phones during a telethon designed to raise \$100,000 for a private youth-center effort.

Coming this week in the Sunday Eagle-Tribune

- **In Lifestyles.** Beauty Pageants. The good, the bad, the ugly. Which pageants are regulated and which are just trying to collect cash.
- **In Sports.** North Andover native and Miami Dolphin Rob Konrad faces off this week against the Patriots.
- **In News.** Cash Clash: Candidates face off in a war of words, paying more for negative TV ads to try and defeat their opponents.



New No. 2 for town schools

North Reading curriculum and technology director hired

By Ben Hellman

The jury is no longer out on who will be Andover's next assistant superintendent: it will be Marcia Adams O'Neil, of the North Reading Schools. But until the North Reading superintendent is literally finished with his own jury, O'Neil will remain in North Reading.

In fact, Andover Superintendent Claudia Bach said that it could be a month before O'Neil starts full time in Andover because the North Reading superintendent has been sequestered for a month in a high level medical malpractice suit. As a matter of professional courtesy, Bach wanted to be flexible with O'Neil's start date. Bach said she hoped that O'Neil could be introduced to the public next Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the School Committee meeting.

Bach recommended O'Neil at a special committee meeting held Tuesday night "with a great deal of confidence and a great deal of excitement," she said. The School Committee unanimously approved her recommendation.

O'Neil was one of 39 original applicants screened to fill the assistant superintendency, a position held until last June by

Marinel McGrath. O'Neil was one of six applicants to be interviewed by the parent, teacher and administrator interview committee. She was one of three finalists to meet Bach.

O'Neil has been the director of curriculum and technology for the North Reading Public Schools since 1999. "It's a relatively short time. Why is she interested in leaving North Reading?" School Committee member Christopher Smith asked at the meeting. Bach said that there was not currently an opportunity for career growth in the North Reading district. Smith made the motion that the committee accept Bach's recommendation. Member Skip Eccles said thought it was better that the position had been filled by an applicant outside the Andover school district. No internal candidates were ever announced.

Before holding her current position, O'Neil was the middle-school curriculum coordinator for the Newburyport Public Schools. She was also a teacher of middle-school language arts for several years.

O'Neil is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a bachelor's degree in English. She received a master's in

education and certificate of advanced graduate studies (CAGS) in educational leadership and innovative practices from Salem State College. She is currently pursuing her doctorate in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Passing a white binder portfolio that O'Neil provided in her application packet. Bach said it looked like something Marinel McGrath might have constructed. But before announcing O'Neil, Bach cautioned against expecting to find someone exactly like McGrath. "It may be impossible to try to find a clone," she said.

Bach said that the site visit was the most important factor in her decision. She said O'Neil would bring "a very different style" to the position. "She is very gentle in her persuasion of people," said Bach.

Bach related an anecdote told by a principal from O'Neil's district. The principal had a disagreement with O'Neil regarding a math program. He said that in time O'Neil convinced him, without ever being coercive, and that looking back he believed hers was the correct decision.

Members Gerry Gustus and Christopher Smith will start contract negotiations with O'Neil this week. Smith said he expected to have more information at next week's committee meeting.



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The Town Government Review Committee does not think Andover should dump Town Meeting. It does want an Audit and Oversight Committee that will keep up with projects like capping the town's landfill to ensure that approved projects are carried through to completion.

Saturday Town Meetings?

Review group offers opinions: Andover not a city; oversight committee needed to follow approved projects

By Rebecca Piro

Next year voters could attend Town Meeting on a Saturday.

That break in recent Andover tradition is one of several changes that the Town Government Review Committee has recommended in its final report. It recommended no change, however, regarding the very question the committee was originally formed to address:

should Andover adopt a city government or keep Open Town Meeting?

"Open Town Meeting seems to be the form of government that suits us best," says committee chairman Mike Morris Sr.

The 10-member committee was appointed and charged two years ago to review Andover's charter and government. Now selectmen, and in some cases

Town Meeting and the state legislature, have to decide whether to adopt those changes.

Those recommendations include having at least one session of Town Meeting on a Saturday so that more elderly residents or parents of young children can participate; creating an Audit and Oversight Committee, intended to review the town's annual audit and to ensure that Town Meeting votes are carried out; combining the departments of Community Services, Elder Services and Youth Services; allowing residents to suggest projects for the town's Capital Improvement Plan, a five-year projection of town projects and funding; and changing the town's charter so that officials can legally participate on more than one board.

Former Selectman Larry Larsen pushed for the study more than two years ago, when he heard rumblings from residents about changing Andover from town to city status, or changing Andover to a representative Town Meeting. Some residents recently complained about the ineffectiveness of Town Meeting, when a motion to override Proposition 2½ passed at Town Meeting last April, but failed at the polls in June.

"Some critics of Open Town Meeting said that was proof that it is not an adequate reflection of the voters of Andover," says Morris. However, the committee's study of communities with representative Town Meetings showed that the residents were not better served than in Andover, he adds. "Perhaps those communities should be reading our charter," Morris jokes.

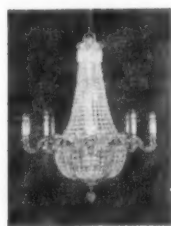
In addition, few of those residents who suggested that Andover become a city spoke up when the Committee had public hearings on the subject.

The recommended changes to the town's charter, such as allowing officials to serve on more than one board, and rewriting the charter to make it gender neutral, will need Town Meeting and state legislative approval. Other changes, like creating an audit committee, will require only a Town Meeting vote.

Adding a Saturday session to Town Meeting is a decision the selectmen can make themselves, Morris says.

The selectmen plan to schedule a work session to discuss the recommended changes.

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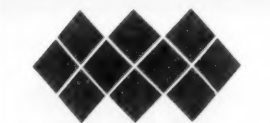
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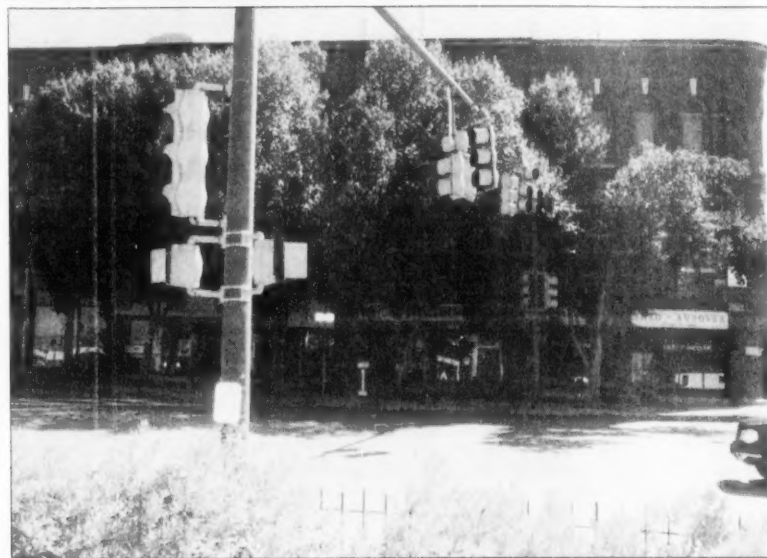
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The photos above show the view of the Musgrove Building in Elm Square, as seen from Memorial Hall Library. The top photo is from the 1940s, and the bottom photo is from this week.

Senior center

There will be a special joint meeting of the Andover Council on Aging and the Senior Center Task Force held at the Andover Senior Center on Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. At this meeting the architects from Lamoureux-Pagano of Worcester will be introducing themselves and talking about the three sites they will be studying for locating a potential new/expanded senior center.

Sen. Tucker's hours

Sen. Sue Tucker will hold her monthly office hours at the Andover Memorial Library on Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. All town residents are invited.

Residents are also invited to contact Tucker at her State house office by calling 617-722-1612 or by e-mailing her at <STucker@senate.state.ma.us>.

LWV conference

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, together with the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, will be holding its Fall Conference on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Minute-man Regional High School in Lexington.

Among other topics, the conference will address the question of how television and radio time might be made more affordable and available to candidates for elective office, thereby reducing the escalating costs of conducting political campaigns.

Online driver's license renewals

Massachusetts drivers will soon be able to renew their driver's licenses online, a move that will save people a trip to the Registry of Motor Vehicles and further cut wait times at RMV branches, says the Registry.

Starting Oct. 21, drivers who meet certain eligibility requirements can log on to <www.mas.gov/rmv> to renew. Customers will pay by credit card, and their new license will be mailed. Because driver's photos are stored electronically in the Registry's computers, customers can keep the same photo-image. Customers are eligible to renew online every other time their license expires. Because licenses are valid for five years, customers could go a decade without visiting the RMV in person.

— Ben Hellman

Quote, unquote . . .

WE'VE FELT FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS now that it could be improved. It's just, frankly, that we haven't gotten to it.

— School Committee chairwoman Tina Girdwood on the superintendent's evaluation form. (Story, page 7)

I SPEAK WITH MANY FAMILIES who complain that homework prevents them from spending time with their children during the week. When you "do the math" our current policies afford a middle-school student less than two hours a day of discretionary time.

— Resident Gabe Greeley in a letter calling for the school system to assign less homework to students, and talking about the benefits of such a change. (Letters, page 9)

News Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 3

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

Zoning Boards of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Zoning Boards of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 8:45 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 7

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 9 a.m.

Board of Health, Town Offices, second floor, 6-9 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Preservation Commission, Town

Offices, second floor, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 9 a.m.

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, Assessors Conference Room, first floor, 9 a.m.

Shawsheen School Improvement Council, Shawsheen School, 3:15 p.m.

Finance Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Council on Aging, Senior Center Task Force, Senior Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Council on Aging, Town Offices, third floor, 3 p.m.

New music director arrives at BallardVale United Church

BallardVale United Church has welcomed Tudor M. Bota to the church as its new music director.

Bota is an accomplished pianist who has won many awards and performed extensively in his native Romania as well as in the United States, according to a release from the church. Bota received his bachelor's degree in music, voice and piano performance in Romania in 1994. In 1996, he was the

first recipient of the Gorriol Scholarship at the Piano Institute at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. He earned a master's degree in piano performance from Boston University School for the Arts in 1997. He has a doctorate in piano performance from Academy of Music "Gheorghe Dima" in Romania and is currently enrolled in a graduate program at the New England Conservatory in Boston.

Tickets on sale for Taste of Andover

Local eateries are gearing up for the annual Taste of Andover. Residents can rub elbows with local business owners and enjoy a selection of food and wine by some of Andover's restaurants, cafes and caterers.

Tickets are now available for the event, which is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. This year, the Andover Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event, is capping tick-

et sales at 400. No tickets will be sold at the door.

In the past, the Lanam Club, Glory, two country clubs, Vincenzo's, the Greater Lawrence Technical School, Sweet Basil, Palmer's, Andover Inn and Raspberries have been some of the event's many participants.

"We really hope people will come. It's a networking function, but also a chance to introduce many people in Andover

to the excellent restaurants and other food service facilities we have in town," said Frank Vacirca, Andover Chamber president.

Tickets are \$20 and available from the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Andover Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund.

— Ben Hellman



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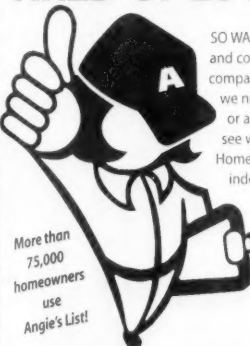
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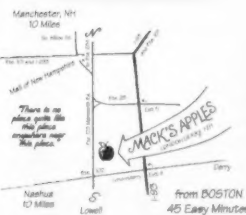
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St. Robert Bellarmine has opened its doors to Voice of the Faithful, but some members fear the area's bishop may close them.

Whither the Faithful?

■ FAITHFUL

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icipates in prayer groups at St. Augustine Church in Andover. Tate is a member of Faithful Voice who signed the petition to the bishop. "They wanted women priests and that's against the Church."

Andover has residents who share those feelings and will put up a fight if Voice of the Faithful continues to grow. Some parishioners at St. Augustine Church are vehemently against the group's mission.

"I personally think that Voice of the Faithful has a hidden agenda," adds Mary McGovern, an Andover resident.

"Our church has been developed for 3,000 years. Why would we want to change it?" says Raymond LaBonte, also of Andover. "I think God is with us on this side. I'm hoping the parishioners here would say no (to a chapter)."

But Eileen Hespeler, a St. Augustine member, believes that Voice of the Faithful is what St. Augustine needs.

She has been meeting with a handful of parishioners in an attempt to organize a chapter, and says she has the support of the pastor, Rev. Alfred Ellis. "We're just taking it very slowly," she says.

Rev. Ellis did not return a call from the *Townsmen*, but Hespeler says he has been receptive to the idea. If, in the end, the bishop rules that Voice of the Faithful cannot meet on church premises, Hespeler says all is not lost.

"There's a west Chelmsford group who has never been able to meet on church property and they have a fabulous group," she says. "You just find some place else to have your meetings."

Rev. Rich Conway, pastor at St. Robert, has supported Voice of the Faithful up to this point, Nowak says. Conway did not return a call, but the parish has not received any indication from Catholic Church hierarchy that the same order could come down at St. Robert, she adds.

"We resolve that we are going to continue to do what we do," Nowak says.

ARRESTS

Thursday, Sept. 26 - At 11:05 a.m., Pablo Delgado, 25, of 8 Emerson Court, Apt. 8, North Andover, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license. He was also charged on a warrant for threatening to commit a crime.

Friday, Sept. 27 - At 6:37 p.m., James Galasso, 37, of 171 Sheridan St., Medford, was arrested and charged on a warrant for having false documents from the Registry of Motor Vehicles; driving with a revoked registration; and driving without insurance.

At 8:30 p.m., Luigi Sementa, 19, of 15 MacArthur Road, North Reading, was arrested and charged as a minor in possession of alcohol.

At 8:31 p.m., Richard O'Connell, 20, of 43 Dascumb Road, was arrested and charged with distributing a Class D substance.

At 8:50 p.m., Christopher McMahon, 21, of 875 South St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with distributing a Class D substance.

At 10:40 p.m., Dennis Goguen, 42, of 130 Osgood St., was arrested and charged with violating a stop sign and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Saturday, Sept. 28 - At 2:56 p.m., police took a 42-year-old male from Lawrence into protective custody for intoxication.

Tuesday, Oct. 1 - At 12:59 p.m., Ivone Silveira, 27, of 21 Witt St., Apt. 1, Lynn, was arrested and charged on a warrant for failing to drive within marked lanes, violating the seat belt law and driving without a license.

At 1:10 p.m., Diego Braz, 28, of 21 Witt St., Apt. 1, Lynn, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 8:01 p.m., Dale Edmonds, 58, of 423 Pelham St., Apt. 7, Methuen, was arrested and charged on a warrant for failing to stop for a police officer, failing to drive within marked lanes, driving negligently and speeding. He was charged on a second war-

POLICE LOG

Alleged shoplifters caught

Andover police say the four men arrested Monday afternoon could be the same men suspected of shoplifting from other area stores.

Police recovered \$600 worth of men's jeans and leather jackets Monday, after a citizen reported seeing four men run out of Marshalls at the Shawsheen Plaza.

"He saw these individuals come running out with an armful of clothes and hop in a car," says Sgt. Lee Britton. Officer Joe Magliozzi, who was patrolling the area, had been briefed earlier that day regarding a similar shoplifting in Tewksbury on Saturday. The same Mar-

shalls in Andover has also been hit within the last month.

Magliozzi stopped the suspects' car and arrested them.

Police are investigating whether the suspects are responsible for the other two shoplifting incidents, says Britton.

Scheduled to be arraigned today at Lawrence District Court was: Eber Rivera, 18, of Hampshire St., Lawrence; Jaqueline Anderson, 17, of Center St., Lawrence; Justin Alfonso, 17, of Camden St., Methuen; and Felix Gustavo, 17, of Warren St., Lawrence.

- Rebecca Piro

rant for driving with a suspended license and speeding.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 25 - At 8:19 p.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported overhearing six teenage males saying that they were going to the Park to fight with some kids from Lawrence. An officer reported that there was no activity at the Park.

At 8:52 p.m., a male reported that he had seen four boys take pumpkins from a house on Moraine Street and drive off with them. An officer brought the boys back to the residence, where they apologized and returned the items they had taken.

At 9:40 p.m., a Lawrence resident complained about barking dogs at a Pauline Drive house.

Thursday, Sept. 26 - At 3:38 p.m., a detective was to file on reported threats.

At 3:51 p.m., a female reported that she had found a cell phone on Shawsheen Road.

At 5:32 p.m., a Wingate employee reported that two family members were having an argument in the parking lot.

Friday, Sept. 27 - At 2:30 p.m., a Fleming Avenue resident reported that someone had followed her home from Hampton Beach to Andover a few days ago.

At 3:28 p.m., a Farrwood Drive resident turned in two BB guns and a hand gun to the police to destroy.

At 11:29 p.m., an officer inter-

vened in a domestic argument between a daughter and her parents.

Saturday, Sept. 28 - At 4:30 p.m., a caller reported a disturbance at Phillips Academy's Addison Gallery the night before.

At 10:45 p.m., a resident reported noise at a Heritage Lane residence. A resident there said he was watching a movie from a projector in his backyard.

Sunday, Sept. 29 - At 4:19 p.m., an Avery Lane caller reported a dog bite.

Tuesday, Oct. 1 - At 7:11 a.m., a female reported that her ex-husband had threatened to drive to her workplace and shoot himself. Police followed the suspect into Methuen, where Methuen police arrested him on a warrant for motor-vehicle charges, says Lt. Jim Hashem.

At 3:49 p.m., an officer served a no-trespassing notice to a High Street resident.

BREAKS

Saturday, Sept. 28 - At 5:32 a.m., a resident reported that she and her husband woke up and found lights on inside their home, the doors open and their computer missing.

Tuesday, Oct. 1 - At 9 a.m., a Hiddenfield Drive resident reported that someone had broken into his house.

At 11:35 p.m., an officer reported an attempted break at Radio Shack on North Main Street. Someone had cracked the glass on the door but had not

gained entry to the building, an officer said.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Sept. 25 - At 10:32 a.m., a Lowell Street caller reported a stolen cell phone.

At 1:49 p.m., a Kathleen Drive female reported a case of identity fraud.

At 8:44 p.m., a male reported that his gym bag had been stolen from a locker room at a Lowell Street facility.

Thursday, Sept. 26 - At 1:20 p.m., a female reported that someone had stolen her Playstation 2.

At 5:42 p.m., an employee from a River Road gas station reported that a customer left without paying.

At 5:44 p.m., an employee at the Andovers Gift Shop reported a shoplifter.

Friday, Sept. 27 - At 2:27 p.m., a caller from Phillips Academy reported a stolen bicycle.

Sunday, Sept. 29 - At 10:29 a.m., a Lowell Street resident reported that a watch and wallet had been stolen.

At 11:36 a.m., a caller reported that a gym bag had been stolen from the Boston Sports Club on Lowell Street.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 25 - At 7:43 a.m., a guest at the Tager Inn reported that his vehicle had been stolen from the parking lot. That vehicle was later found by Stoneham police, who reported that the car had been totaled and abandoned in an apartment complex. One of its license plates had been stolen as well. The owner was notified.

At 10:58 a.m., a Center Street caller reported that a moving van had driven off the road and onto some grass.

At 7:59 p.m., Lawrence police reported that they had recovered a vehicle stolen from Andover. The inside of the vehicle was stripped, they said. The vehicle's owner was notified.

Thursday, Sept. 26 - At 6:49 a.m., police found a vehicle that had been stolen out of Lawrence parked off River Road.

At 12:38 p.m., an Andover High School student reported that the tires on his car had been slashed while parked in the school's lot.

At 6:05 p.m., an Inwood Lane resident reported that a car that he had parked outside with a "for sale" sign on it had been broken into and the stereo stolen.

At 8:30 p.m., a caller reported that someone had struck and killed a cat on River Road.

Friday, Sept. 27 - At 2:40 p.m., a North Street caller reported that car had hit a dog.

At 5:26 p.m., a Berry Pond Road resident reported that someone had broken into his car.

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Next year: '\$3 million behind 8-ball'

TOWN BUDGET

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The Strategic Planning Task Force plans to keep all its options open regarding a solution to the town's financial obligations in 2003.

"Does it mean garbage collection not every week, but every other week?" says Tina Girdwood, School Committee chairwoman. "Does it mean that library hours are fewer? That we have fewer teachers and larger class sizes?"

Those are just some of the brainstorming that officials are tossing around to cope with the town's coming financial problems — and growing costs.

Health-insurance costs will escalate about 20 percent next year — almost \$860,000, Major estimates. That's due to increased costs in the health-care system, as well as a greater number of people taking the benefits Andover offers.

The money the town receives from the state and property taxes won't be enough to cover those costs, he adds.

"We're going to be \$3 million (or) \$3.5 million behind the eight-ball," he says.

Cut backs

Andover isn't out of the woods yet in terms of this year's budget. Last April, school officials asked voters for an extra \$1.13 million in the form of an override of Proposition 2%. Voters rejected that request, and the schools dropped some proposed

Gustus calls for more specific goals

SCHOOL FUNDING

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said Gustus. Gustus first brought up his idea early last summer and it was met with resistance from fellow members and questions from other town officials. Gustus has complained that the vague wording of the committee's current goals doesn't allow them to judge whether goals are ever met.

The committee was debating goal five of its official goals and objectives when Gustus made his proposal. The goal reads "Work with town officials and the community at large to implement strategic school/town planning that results in exemplary schools."

"I don't think we're getting anywhere with general language," said Gustus. Gustus has said he believes the com-

mittee failed last year to properly fund the schools, but that members should respect residents' will in voting down last spring's override of Proposition 2%. Gustus' new strategy is to secure more of the money the town already receives from the taxpayers by naming a percentage. "It will enable us at the end of the budget cycle to look back see if we met our goal," he said.

"As I said when you brought this up, I do not support this approach," said Tina Girdwood, committee chairwoman. Girdwood foresees a possible reduction in store for all the town's departments next year. "I also have great respect for the town boards," she said.

"I think 48 percent is being nice to the town (side)," said Collins. Though other officials

have argued the number, Gustus says the schools currently receive 45 percent of the Andover budget.

Following the vote on Gustus' proposal, the board approved member Frank "Skip" Eccles' proposed wording "to encourage the town to set goals which more nearly reflect the value of our citizens." Eccles' statement was added to objective four, which is: "Encourage town to set priorities." Gustus was the lone dissenter, voting against the modified language, and the vote passed 3-1.

Eccles' proposal also eliminated objective three: "Work with all town boards, as well as parents, teachers and all other members of the community to increase financial support for Andover Public Schools."

and existing positions and services. The town may need to delay some of its planned projects, such as sidewalk construction, if the money from this year's property taxes won't cover them.

Next year the cuts could be much more severe.

Besides changing or eliminating some town services, the Task Force might consider combining some town or school departments, says Girdwood.

Major is prepared to ask unions to renegotiate their contracts, to avoid losing employees to layoffs. But Marden says it's unlikely that union members would reconsider the agreement and take a pay cut just because Andover is having a tough budget year.

"I don't think anyone realistically expects that to happen," she says.

The task force will also pare down the town's Capital

Improvement Plan, a five-year plan of town projects in the works. The CIP is due in December.

"When the economy doesn't produce the revenues, things have to go," says Marden. "We've had the luxury of adding programs and employees through all those good years. Now we're at a point where we're not going to be able to do that."

\$100K will make TV labor day worth the work

YOUTH CENTER

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"We wanted something different," she said.

Sue Rice, another member of the Andover Youth Foundation, said she hopes the telethon catches on and becomes an annual event for Andover.

"We're hoping to start something here," she said. "We may be starting a tradition."

Stone said Dracut High School has held a successful "Dollars for Scholars" telethon to raise money for various Dracut youth programs. She said the event raised about \$75,000 last year and has been held consecutively for the past 19 years.

Dracut, which borders the southwestern part of Andover, has 29,000 residents and is less affluent than Andover. Andover is looking to raise about \$100,000, said Stone, who is confident the goal will be met.

Details are still being decided, but preliminary plans call for short segments of live entertainment to be included while 10 to 12 telephones are being answered. An easy-to-remember telephone number has not been selected, yet.

Also, there will be an auction board, where people call in to bid on about 16 different items. Paid advertisers will get plenty of air time.

Dracut sent a videotape of their telethon to Andover Youth Services. Andover organizers have been poring over the tape, looking for tips on how to run their version which they insist will be a hit.

So far, some \$2.4 million has been



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The Andover Youth Council is looking forward to circling the wagons in western Andover, at the proposed youth-center site. The private Andover Youth Foundation has raised \$2.4 million of the needed \$4.2 million cost.

pledged for the new Yvon and Noella Cormier Family Youth Center, set to be built in West Andover. The 30,000-square-foot center will be built on six acres of land bounded by Chandler and Greenwood roads. Ground breaking is scheduled for June 2003.

Andover Youth Foundation is raising the

entire cost of the \$4.2 million project.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the telethon or performing live at the event can call or send an e-mail to Stone at 978-475-1121 or <sheila@harkinsrealestate.com>, or contact Rice at 978-475-2357 or <suerice101@aol.com>.

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With budget discussions for next year beginning, the *Townsmen* will take a closer look during the upcoming weeks at what drives the budget.

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■ AUTO INCIDENTS

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At 6:30 p.m., North Reading police reported that they were having troubles with someone throwing water balloons at cars from the Andover/North Andover line on Gould Road.

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reported that someone had driven over his lawn during the night.

At 1:04 p.m., a Summer Street caller reported that someone had broken into his vehicle and stolen a cell phone.

Tuesday, Oct. 1 - At 10:22 a.m., a Marion Avenue caller reported that someone had entered several unlocked vehicles

overnight and rummaged through them, stealing a few small items.

At 1:39 p.m., a Lowell Street caller reported that someone had stolen a laptop from his car.

At 6:24 p.m., a Marion Avenue caller reported that his keys had been stolen from his vehicle.

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Sasha Alsop and Michiel Carlier hiked the Appalachian Trail together, using the time to answer
questions about their individual lives.

'Eventually, you answer questions'

■ FROM GEORGIA

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... had (faux) leopard-skin
arms," Carlier explains. "The
girl who gave me my trail name
said, 'You're skinny, you're fast
and you're wearing leopard
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Alsop's trail name was Wild-
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TRAIL TALK

People walking the
Appalachian Trail have devel-
oped their own vocabulary.
Disparaging terms that Sasha
Alsop learned include:

YELLOWBLAZING: Essen-
tially, it describes what the
Rosie Ruiz of hikers might
do. Yellowblazers are "people
who hitch ahead on the trail."

SLACKPACKING: The brand
of backpacking exhibited by a
lazy hiker who seems to be
"just backpacking for the
day."

about people 100 miles behind
me. You hear about trail
romances and injuries."

And not everyone walking
the trail is into nuts, berries and
organic food. Alsop and her
chocolate bars are only one
example. "I met this guy named
Baltimore Jack," Alsop says.
"He had a flask (of alcohol) and
a smoke in his hand every time I
saw him."

Both Alsop and Carlier say



Carlier's shoes were well
worn; Alsop went through
three pairs.

they enjoyed the White Moun-
tains and the northern part of the
trail the most.

Carlier plans to return to the
Netherlands this week and
return to his hospital job as a
physical therapist. Alsop, who
worked previously as a social
worker helping Mexican fami-
lies find housing, plans to brush
up on her Spanish with a trip to
Guatemala, and then return to
the US to find a new job.

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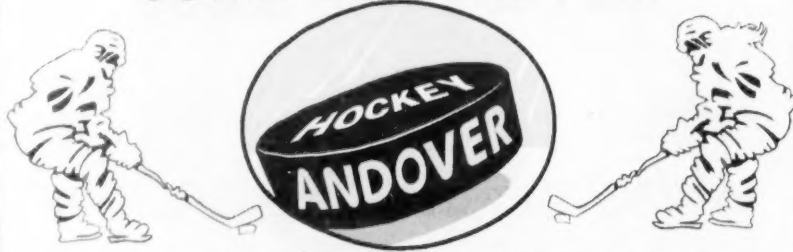


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IN THE SCHOOLS



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Alex Goodman selects a book at the Wood Hill Middle School media center. A scholastic book fair will be held there Oct. 10, 11 and 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Evaluating the superintendent's evaluation:

Committee sees room for improvement

By Ben Hellman

Following the release of Superintendent Claudia Bach's School Committee evaluation members, talked about the evaluation structure and process.

Chairwoman Tina Girdwood said the evaluation form isn't the best one in town. Referring to the selectmen's evaluation for the town manager Girdwood said, "Theirs is easier to work with than what we've got at the moment." The evaluation currently allows for members to select "Fails to meet, meets, or exceeds expectations," in judging the job Bach does. Girdwood said that the range of success and failure is not as clear cut. "This didn't quite work out, but it's not a failure," Girdwood elaborated.

The committee determined that Bach met or exceeded all performance standards at their Sept. 10 meeting.

Girdwood said that working in a partnership with the superintendent made it difficult sometimes to determine who failed to get something done. She used the failed override of Proposition 2½ as an example. "We were working in concert. Some-

times it's difficult to separate. We failed too because we were working on it," she said.

"It's a pretty complicated document. It's meant to be comprehensive. (The position) has so many facets, it's daunting. It's daunting to evaluate," said member Gerry Gustus.

According to Gustus, the evaluation form was developed during the committee's summer retreats. The 10-page document integrates the committee's official goals and objectives of the year with performance standards Bach provided from a suggested evaluation form from the American Association of School Administrators.

There were eight performance standards: leadership and district culture, policy and governance, communications and community relations, organizational, curriculum planning and development, instructional management, human-resources management, and values and ethics of leadership.

The form

The evaluation gives a brief description of each standard and benchmarks to allow the com-

mittee to judge that standard.

For example, leadership and district culture was described as "This standard stresses executive leadership, vision, shaping school culture and climate and empowering others."

Some of the benchmarks for that standard were:

- Promote academic rigor and excellence for staff and students.
- Maintain personal, physical and emotional wellness.
- Build self-esteem in staff and students.
- Exhibit multicultural and ethnic understanding.

There is an area below the benchmarks for members to write their comments. After the comments section the evaluation ties the benchmarks to particular goals and objectives.

The leadership standard was related to these stated goals:

- "Base all decisions under the basic assumption that each child is a constant learner";
- "Promote positive and productive working relationships among all members of the school community"; and
- "Commit to developing and maintaining exemplary facilities."

WHAT'S UP

Always on the water

Evan Cooke, 14, named to US National Sailing Team

By David Tanklefsky
What's Up intern

Evan Cooke comes from a family of seafarers. His mom sails. His dad sails. His 11-year-old sister sails. And now, Evan has been selected to sail with the United States National Optimist Sailing Team.

Evan, 14, began sailing at the Annisquam Yacht Club in Gloucester when he was 8. Ever since he began sailing, Evan says he has had a love for boats and racing.

As he began competing in yacht races at Annisquam as a young child, Evan quickly proved himself to be an excellent racer. Last year, he won the right to try out for the National Optimist Sailing Team by finishing in the top 25 percent at the Atlantic Coast Championship regatta. In April, Evan got the chance to compete in the National Team Trials in Corpus Christi, Texas and was selected for the team.

According to the United States Optimist Dinghy Association, the goal of the national team is to produce sailors who "are able to compete and win against the best sailors in the world while continuing to stress the importance of safety, fun, and sportsmanship." The team consists of 48 sailors under the age of 16. The team trains four times per year all over the country. The top five sailors on the national team get to compete in a world competition in China this year.

Evan relishes the opportunity to train with some of the best sailors in the country. "I won at lot of the races in Annisquam," says Cooke. "But with the national team, all of the kids are really good and I learn a lot



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Evan Cooke is one of 48 young sailors, all under age 16, who are a part of the National Optimist Sailing Team. The top five sailors will compete in a world competition in China this year.

from my teammates. It's a great learning experience." When he isn't practicing with the team, Cooke sails three times a week during the summer months and every other week in the winter.

Evan, who lives in Andover, is a freshman at St. John's Prep. When he isn't doing schoolwork, however, he's sailing. He is currently training for a race in Newport, R.I. that will take place in April. He has also raced

in New Jersey and Florida.

While racing is important to Evan, he keeps things in perspective. "What I most enjoy is just being out on the water and getting to compete in a way that's so much fun for me," he says. With that attitude, it looks like Evan Cooke is headed for clear sailing.

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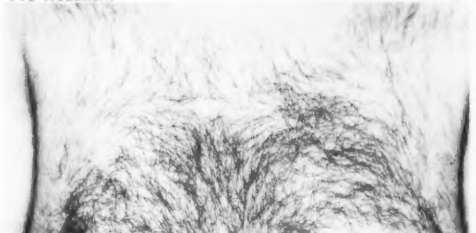
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Opinion

Ensuring that town follows through

THE committee that spent about two years reviewing Andover's government doesn't think Andover should scrap Open Town Meeting. It doesn't think it's time for Andover to adopt a city form of government. It has only modest changes to suggest, perhaps the best of which is this: Andover needs a group that will make sure that when Town Meeting says it wants something done, the project gets done.

Now, most taxpayers would assume that this is why we pay town employees and have elected officials. Sadly, however, the recent past has shown that there are projects that can linger. The capping of the town's landfill is an example of a project that seemed to progress slowly.

It's possible that the cause of such delays is the same reason that some residents think it's time for Andover to become a city. Namely, that Andover is growing. Every year, there are new demands and significant projects approved. Every year, it becomes harder for residents to keep track of the projects themselves, and some may slip through the cracks of government. An oversight committee as proposed by the Town Government Review group will help keep town workers on task. It might even serve to slow new, "nice-to-have" projects until the projects residents have already approved are satisfactorily completed.

Web question

Should Voice of Faithful group be allowed to meet in local churches?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson says he won't withhold diplomas from the five high-school seniors who failed the MCAS test. Superintendent Claudia Bach wasn't so sure. Should the kids graduate without passing the MCAS?

A total of 50 people responded.

• 16, or 32 percent, said "Yes, it's ridiculous to hurt these kids' futures based on a single test."

• 9, or 18 percent, said "Yes, the test is unfair and the law mandating it is sure to be challenged in court anyway."

• 10, or 20 percent, said "No, Andover schools must uphold Massachusetts law."

• 14, or 28 percent, said "No, if five kids can't apply themselves and pass a test, they do not deserve to graduate."

• 1, or 2 percent, said "Other."

This week's question:

Local chapter members are concerned because Bishop Emilio Allue has banned Voice of the Faithful from meeting in North Andover's St. Michael's Parish. Should the Andover chapter of Voice of the Faithful be allowed to meet in St. Robert?

• Yes. As a Catholic, I think that they should be able to meet in their own church.

• Yes. I'm not a Catholic, but I think they should be able to meet in their own church.

• No. As a Catholic I believe that the Roman Catholic Church has every right to decline entry to this group, which is questioning the church.

• No. I'm not Catholic, but I believe that the Roman Catholic Church has every right to decline entry to this group, which is questioning the church.

To cast a vote, surf to <www.andovertownsmen.com>.

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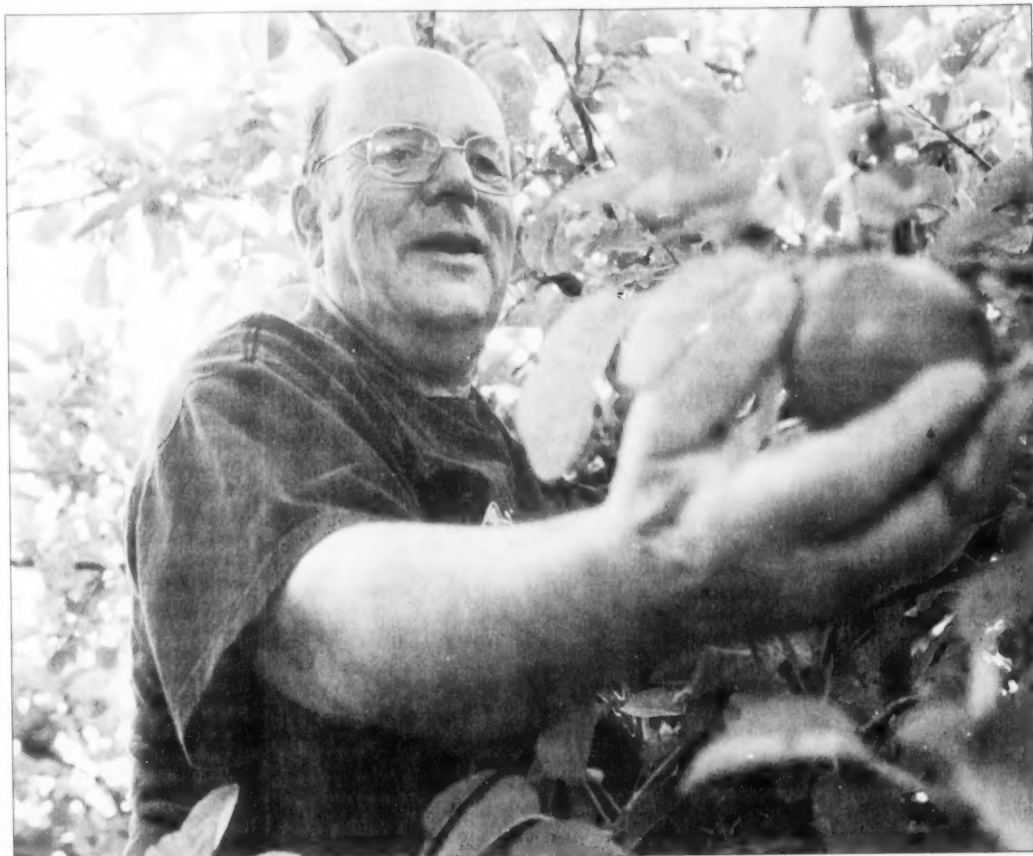


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Mike Bellia, owner of a self-service, honor-system farm stand on Chandler Road, hand picks an apple. He'll shut down the roadside stand on Oct. 9.

LETTERS

Passing MCAS not needed

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I was delighted to read in your paper that our Andover High School principal intends to provide diplomas to students, in the Class of 2003, who successfully complete their course work – regardless of whether they receive an MCAS passing score. The relevancy of a single, one-size-fits-all test, as the sole measure of past and future performance, is highly questionable and does not recognize the complexity and uniqueness of the individual.

Education is the foundation for the skills our children need to reach their potential and make their best contributions to our society. Communication skills, teamwork, leadership ability, complex reasoning and problem solving (resulting in multiple "right answers") are all essential skills, fostered in high school and relied on later for goal achievement. To not recognize this is to belittle the high-school experience; and to not reward this critical and essential part of education is to send the wrong message to our children.

James Ory
Steeple Court

MCAS sensitivity

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I was very disappointed at the lack of sensitivity with your most recent Web question "Should MCAS mean diploma?" The fourth choice for voting states, "No, if five kids can't apply themselves and pass a test, they don't deserve to graduate."

How do you know these five kids do not "apply themselves?" These are private kids we are talking about, not professional athletes, politicians or other public figures.

The *Townsmen* doesn't seem to mind letting the public vote on the future for these five students. When can I expect a tribal council a la *Survivor* to see if they get voted off the island? First, the public gets to vote for their favorite *American Idol*, now the *Townsmen* lets us vote off real students from graduating.

Robert Ackerman
One Temple Place

About "The Thursday File"

Steve MacDowall started the file two years ago. The Web site for his creation is <www.hudsonvanloo.ca> and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones at right.

Escaping detention: The dreams of misspent youth



Neil Fater

In the winter of 1983, Joe Cougar saved my life.

At South Elementary School at that time, if you got your name on the blackboard three times in a week for doing something wrong, you got a detention. And a detention meant your parents would be called and get pretty mad. Or worse, disappointed in you. Or worse still, make you wear plaid pants to school when it wasn't even class-picture time.

Some time during the year, a large number of sixth-grade boys were involved in a skirmish at recess. The specifics escape me. Perhaps it was a King of the Mountain game that went medieval. Or maybe a snowball fight broke out. Or perhaps due to some disruption in the earth's magnetic field, all our snowballs were magically redirected and struck the same girl simultaneously. The point is, when all our names were taken down, it meant my name would be "on the board" three times that week. This was not good.

After recess, the names were transferred from the notepad of the recess monitor to the blackboard. But, before the teacher arrived in the classroom, Joe Cougar (his name changed here to protect him, lest this blemish be added to his "permanent record" at the school) erased my name and added his own in its place. He had taken the detention bullet. I was saved! Saved from a grounding! Saved from multi-colored legwear! God bless Joe Cougar!

Of course, I would never allow such an event to take place today, and feel the shame of not taking my medicine. But, as Ralphie says in *A Christmas Story*, that's what all adults say. But kids "know" the truth. It's always better not to get caught.

Such stories came to mind this week when I overheard a middle-school parent talking about

how a troublemaking kid could not be punished with detention because the schools had cut the late bus to save money. According to Superintendent Claudia Bach, late buses used to run in the early afternoon to take home kids who stayed late to take a make-up test or to serve a detention. If Andover was to add back the three late buses that it would need to serve its three middle schools and Andover High School, it would cost the town \$21,600 for the rest of this school year.

The buses are not coming back. But could the parent be right? Can the kids of Andover now do whatever they please? Are there prides of pranksters out there gleefully flinging spitballs, free in the knowledge they can never face the splat of detention?

Alas, young troublemakers, rapscallions of the Razor generation, such a world is not to be.

There will still be detention, say the town's middle-school principals. Worse yet, rather than having a late-bus trip home to delay parental doom and potential groundings, the school will make your parent come pick you up.

"We'll still do it (a detention), if need be," says West Middle School's Kathy Hammond.

In fact, all three middle-school principals say if any of their wonderful students get detention, they will give families 24 hours notice of the punishment and ask parents to pick up their kids when it is done. If a parent is unable to do so, other arrangements will be made, such as requiring the student to miss a non-academic period during the school day. Sounds like lunch with friends could be in jeopardy to me.

"There will be a time during the day they'll be giving up," says Wood Hill Middle School Principal Norah McCarthy, a menacing glint in her eye, "and the punishment will meet the crime."

And there will be no Joe Cougar to save any of you.

Neil Fater is editor of the *Andover Townsmen*. He can be reached by all but his disappointed former teachers at <nfater@andovertownsmen.com>.

THE THURSDAY FILE

When you judge another, you do not define them, you define yourself.

WAYNE DYER

We must learn to be still in the midst of activity and vibrantly alive in repose.

INDIRA GANDHI

You don't have to be a fantastic hero to do certain things, to compete. You can be just an ordinary person, sufficiently motivated to reach challenging goals. The intense effort, the giving of everything you've got, is a very pleasant bonus.

EDMUND HILLARY

The surprising thing about young fools is how many survive to become old fools.

DOUG LARSON

The biggest mistake that you can make is to believe that you are working for somebody else. Job security is gone. The driving force of a career must come from the individual. Remember: Jobs are owned by the company, you own your career.

EARL NIGHTINGALE

I hold those wise who know how to be happy.

NINON DE LENCLOS

Inspire when you talk, when you listen, and when you act, but most of all – inspire with your passion.

STEVE MACDOWALL

A big heart is better than a big brain.

SWAHILI PROVERB

When I stop (working), the rest of the day is posthumous. I'm only really alive when I'm working.

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS

The JFK quotation:

The fires of discord are busy in every city. Redress is sought in the street, in demonstrations, parades, and protests which create tensions and threaten violence. We face, therefore, a moral crisis as a country and as a people.

TV ADDRESS, JUNE 1963

Best quotation sent:

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DONALD E. KNUTH
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LETTERS

Beat goes on

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The Andover School Committee is distorting the facts by claiming that the elementary-school instrumental music program had to be eliminated because of a state mandate. The first and only reason offered to the public when the program cuts were announced in February 2002 was to save money. Some preliminary calculations showed that it would take \$300 per student then in the instrumental lesson program (in grades 3 to 5) to fully fund the teachers (about \$130,000). The parents were hoping to raise the money and keep the program in place during the school year. Now, some are paying \$700 for the after-school program.

The lengthy discussions with the School Committee hit a new obstacle in mid-May when the superintendent claimed Andover was not providing the state requirement of 900 hours of time on learning for the school year. It took 40 years to realize this. Parents researched this and received letters from several authors of the state-curriculum-framework document stating that instrumental music lessons are part of a core curriculum. The fact that not all students participate does not violate this interpretation. Not all students take calculus.

In addition, here is a quote from the "Student Learning Time—Regulations Guide" from DOE: "Q: Who has the final say in what can be considered structured learning time? A: The decision is made by the school community with approval from the School Committee."

A state legal counsel and DOE regulations have stated clearly that the School Committee decides what is part of the core curriculum, not the superintendent. The superintendent can offer her opinion, but it is the community and their elected representatives who have the actual power to modify the components of the curriculum. For 40 years, instrumental music lessons were part of the core curriculum.

10-minute rule: Time to give kids less homework

Editor, *Townsmen*:

School Committee members:

I am writing to suggest an immediate change in the committee's homework policies for our district. A recent article confirmed what I have suspected as a parent of three children in the district: that too much homework is currently assigned. ("Work and Family," *The Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 12, page D1.)

The article cites more than 100 academic studies concerning the optimal amount of homework to support learning. The conclusion reached by exceptional districts across the country is this: that 10 minutes of homework per grade level is optimal. This means that a third-grader should receive 30 minutes of homework while a sixth-grader should receive an hour. According to educators

using the "10-minute rule," it applies to high-school grades as well.

Currently, many of our students are routinely receiving twice this amount. There are three negative results of this over-work: STUDENT PERFORMANCE IS REDUCED. Going beyond the optimal amount of work does not help the student learn. Rather, it tires the student, and reduces their desire to learn. Students often do not have time for self-directed studying, so they are not learning the study habits that are so important in college.

THE QUALITY OF HOMEWORK ASSIGNED GOES DOWN. Teachers assign busywork to meet the policies. (I see "word-search" and coloring assignments in every grade and every subject!)

THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE SUFFERS. I see children abandon-

ing their hobbies, sports and social activities because of the time demands that school imposes. I speak with many families who complain that homework prevents them from spending time with their children during the week. When you "do the math" our current policies afford a middle-school student less than two hours a day of discretionary time.

I suggest that we adopt the "10-minute rule" right away, and ban weekend homework. This will reduce the time-stress that our students presently feel. It will not hurt their academic performance. It will provide them with time for outdoor activities, time with friends and a better family life. It would also allow time for weekend trips and new outside interests.

Gabe Greeley
8 Serenity Lane

Parent to Parent

A free, intelligent parental helper – why doesn't everyone use it?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The parents and educators of Andover have been given a gift in the form of an organization called Parent to Parent. For more than 10 years, this volunteer organization has been inviting both local and nationally recognized speakers to share their thoughts on parenting and educating our children. These speakers cover a wide range of topics, from talking with our kids about sexuality to understanding how birth order affects their view of the world.

I have always come away from the evening feeling reenergized in my role as parent, and armed with new tips or reminders for nurturing my children. I also come away

wondering why more parents and educators do not attend the sessions. In an hour or two, I gain insight into the latest ideas on child development. These lectures are free and open to the public. Where else can a parent or teacher get so much for such a small investment?

At the next Parent to Parent lecture on Oct. 24, Michael Hollander from Harvard Medical School will address high-risk behaviors in adolescents. People who go will return home with at least one insight that will make a difference in the life of their child.

I believe no one should pass up this gem of an opportunity.

Deb Olander
Reservation Road

Committed GOPer backing Tucker

Editor, *Townsmen*:

As a registered Republican in Andover, I always vote the straight Republican ticket.

But there will be one Democrat I'll be voting for with enthusiasm this November—state Sen. Sue Tucker. Tucker exemplifies everything a good public official should be. A listener who has been leading the fight for real change and reform in state government through innovation, Tucker has the right priorities. She's proven herself to be a fiscal moderate who doesn't make wasteful spending decisions—she understands that a strong

curriculum, Chelmsford, Westford and Lexington are among towns that include optional lessons in their core curriculum.

The other argument against instrumental lessons was the pull-outs. We're only talking about third-, fourth- and fifth-graders, not middle-school students and above where subjects are taught in scheduled blocks by specialist teachers. I wish the

economy is the golden egg for better government.

Among her most notable achievements, Tucker has been a champion of using performance measures and quality management to help state government become more focused on customer service, as with her efforts to help successfully reform the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

For these reasons, I've become a member of Republicans for Sue Tucker. We need more Sue Tuckers in government, not less.

Ray Murgia
172 Lowell St.

School Committee could demonstrate the same passion for the music teachers who have had students pulled out of their classes, as they did for other teachers on the pull-out issue.

For now, we're stuck with an entrenched majority that prefers to represent the views of the superintendent.

Mark Goldstein
7 Fulton Road

Idea to improve

Editor, *Townsmen*:

While a section about home improvements being popular in town is a good idea, I believe that your "featured family," living in a 7,500 square foot home (with pool and basketball court) near a country club was far from being remotely relevant to the average Andover homeowner.

The article would have been better received if it had been about our typical homeowners who are making common-sense improvements such as adding second floors, family and mud rooms, new kitchens and baths, and otherwise enlarging and beautifying homes and yards; those are the projects most of us could relate to. While this family has every right to make their home as large as they choose, the article made people more aware of the supposed "snob factor" that so unfairly describes our town. The article was more about a wealthy family's lifestyle than the terrific idea the paper started with.

Debbie Lang
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OBITUARIES

Thomas F. Murphy

Worked in Merrimack's maintenance department

Thomas F. Murphy, 80, of Andover, died Thursday, Sept. 26 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Murphy worked in the maintenance department at Merrimack College.

Born and educated in Lawrence, he graduated from Lawrence High School.

During World War II, Mr. Murphy served in the Marine Corps in the Pacific and in the Army in Germany.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Lodge, AF&AM of Andover.

He was also a member of the 3rd Marine Division Association and a member of American Legion Post 8.

Members of his family include his wife, Emily G. (Livingston) Murphy; nine sisters; one brother; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114; or St. Augustine's Building Fund, 43 Essex St., Andover, 01810.

There were no calling hours. Private graveside services were held in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Dora R. Conley

Worked as a waitress at area restaurants

Dora R. (Richards) Conley, of Andover, died Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

She was born and educated in Lawrence. Mrs. Conley enjoyed her family, reading, handicrafts and bingo.

She was employed as a waitress at well-known area restaurants, including Yankee Doodle in Lawrence and Rendezvous in Methuen.

She was the widow of Edward F. Conley, Sr.

Members of her family include a son, Edward F. Conley Jr. and his wife, Dorothy, of Westford; a daughter, Cynthia W. and husband Ellsworth Brown of Salem, N.H., with whom she resided for many years; half-sister, Gertrude Bilapka of Methuen; a nephew, Alfred Richards and his family of Lawrence; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

There were no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126

Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

Florence M. Duguid

Retired school teacher

Florence M. Duguid, 97, of Hudson, Fla. and formerly of Andover, died Saturday, Aug. 31.

Mrs. Duguid lived on Lowell Street from 1941 to 1966. She was a retired school teacher for the Andover school system and was a member of Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

She was the widow of John S. Duguid, who died in 1987.

She was also predeceased by two daughters, Jean DeBrakeleer of Londonderry, N.H. and Lorraine Fitch of Silver Spring, Md.

Members of her family include two daughters, Florence Hill of Keyport, N.J. and Marilyn Nigh of Ellicott City, Md.; a brother, Stuart Clemmer of Farmington, Conn.; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Her ashes were interred at Fox Hills Cemetery in Billerica.

Nancy L. Swiderski

Lived in Andover for 30 years

Nancy L. Swiderski, 74, of Pittsfield, N.H. and formerly of Andover, died Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Pleasant View Center in Concord, N.H.

Mrs. Swiderski was born in Leominster. She lived in Andover for 30 years and had been in Pittsfield for the last 12 years.

She worked for Hewlett-Packard for 10 years before her retirement. She was a lifelong member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Andover.

She enjoyed needlework, gardening, reading and family members said she was an excellent seamstress and cook.

Members of her family include her husband of 20 years, Stanley J. Swiderski of Pittsfield; daughters, Donna L. Swiderski of Salem, N.H., Roxanne Brune of Pittsfield, N.H., and Mary Jane Buckley of Haverhill; four grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Following cremation, a graveside service was held in Evergreen Cemetery, 357 Main St., Leominster.

Arrangements were by Perkins Funeral Home, Cremation Service and Monument Co., 60 Main St., Pittsfield, N.H.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Hampshire Kidney Center, 248 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301.

Thomas J. Kelly

Was bank president

Thomas J. Kelly, 65, of Andover, and formerly of Burlington, Somerville, and Seabrook, N.H., died Saturday, Sept. 28.

He was the former president and CEO of Somerset Savings Bank.

Members of his family include his wife, Alexandra M. (Kenty) Kelly; former wife, Diane M. (Antolini) Kelly; sons, Kevin T. and Thomas J. Kelly Jr., both of Bradford, and Richard G. Kelly of Norwood; daughters, Patricia A. Kelly of New Jersey, Debra J. Maccone of Stoneham, and Noreen M. Kelly of Newton; stepsons, J. Paul Haney of New Hampshire and Sean F. Haney of Andover; sisters, Charleen Donahue of Arlington, Maureen Rigby and Margaret "Peg" J. Walsh, both of Burlington; 14 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martin J. and Nora M. Kelly Scholarship Fund, c/o Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845.

Arrangements were by the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway Somerville.

Richard W. Coombes

VP of engineering services at Joan Fabrics Co.

Richard William Coombes, 73, died Sunday, Sept. 29 at Lowell General Hospital.

Mr. Coombes was vice president of engineering services at Joan Fabrics Co. in Tyngsboro, where he worked for more than 30 years before his illness.

Before that, he worked for American Woolen Co., formerly of Andover, J.P. Stevens Co. and Uxbridge Woolen Co.

Born in Lowell and educated in Tewksbury, he graduated from Tewksbury High School in 1946. He continued his education at Lowell Tech (UMass Lowell), graduating in 1951 with a degree in engineering.

Mr. Coombes served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged with the rank of captain.

A resident of Andover since 1962, he was a member of Christ Episcopal Church. He was an active board member for Habitat for Humanity in the Lawrence and Andover communities.

Members of his family include his wife of 49 years, Nancy E. (Davis) Coombes; daughter and son-in-law, Wendy E. Coombes Hallowell and Thomas of Lancaster, Pa.; son and daughter-in-law, Jamie D. and Susan Coombes of North Chelmsford; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Parkinson's Disease Foundation Association, 1250 Hylan Blvd., Suite 4B, Staten Island, NY 10305.

DEATHS

Dora R. Conley
Mary Connell, 87
Rev. Haroutiun Dagley, 46
Orella C. Dennis, 81
Paride J. DeSimone, 80
Florence M. Duguid, 97
Charles S. Gaunt, 84
Joseph R. Genest, 80
Thomas J. Kelly, 65
Gertrude Lieb, 87
Thomas F. Murphy, 80
Mary L. O'Leary, 88
Austin L. "Bud" Stokes, 85
Charles R. Sampson, 51
Nancy L. Swiderski, 74
Edmund Toppi, 79

Arrangements were by Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, Tewksbury.

Charles S. Gaunt

Chief accountant at Liberty Mutual for 35 years

Charles S. Gaunt, 84, of Andover, died Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Gaunt was a chief accountant at Liberty Mutual for 35 years until he retired in 1980. Born in Providence, R.I., he graduated from Simonds High School in Warner, N.H., and Bentley College.

During World War II, Mr. Gaunt served as a pilot in the Pacific.

He was a member of Christ Church, where he formerly served as a vestryman and treasurer. He was also a former treasurer of the Andover Village Improvement Society and a longtime volunteer at the Andover Thrift Shop.

Members of his family include his wife of 55 years, Barbara (Benedict) Gaunt; son and daughter-in-law, John and Kathie Gaunt of Andover; a daughter, Helen Briggs of North Andover; a brother, David Gaunt of Manchester, N.H.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover, 01810; American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01710; or MSPCA, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

CONNELL - Mary Beatrice (Sheridan) Connell, 87, of Pinellas Park, Fla., died Thursday, Sept. 26 at her home. Members of her family include her daughter, Joan Ponti and her husband, Joseph, of Andover.

DAGLEY - Rev. Fr. Haroutiun (Randolph) Dagley, 46, pastor of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church in Ohio, died Tuesday, Sept. 17. Fr. Dagley graduated from Andover High School in 1974. Members of his family include his mother, Haigo; his wife, Patricia Dagley; children, Sona and Sarkis; brother, Nishan Dagley and his wife, Carolyn; and a sister, Anita Megerdichian and her husband, Robert, of Haverhill.

DENNIS - Orella C. (Mann) Dennis, 81, formerly of West Chester, Pa., died Tuesday, Oct. 1 at Academy Manor in Andover. Members of her family include her son, Thomas M. Dennis and his wife, Barbara, and two grandchildren, Melissa and Jeffrey M. Dennis, all of Andover. Funeral arrangements are taking place Saturday, Oct. 5 in Pennsylvania and are under the direction of Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

DESIMONE - Paride J. "Pebo" DeSimone, 80, of Salem, N.H., died Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Penacook Place Haverhill. Mr. DeSimone worked for the former Tyer Rubber Co. of Andover for 37 years and retired as a material handler

from Raytheon Co. in Andover. GENEST - Joseph Robert Genest, 80, of Salem, N.H., died Wednesday, Sept. 25 at home. Mr. Genest retired as a carpenter for the Carpenters Union, Local 111, working at the Internal Revenue Service in Andover.

LIEB - Gertrude (Bobrow) Lieb, 87, of Hallandale, Fla., died Sunday, Sept. 29 at Saints Memorial Hospital, Lowell. Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Holli and John Marrs of Andover.

O'LEARY - Mary L. O'Leary, 88, of Haverhill, died Tuesday, Oct. 1 at home. Ms. O'Leary worked at the Internal Revenue Service Center in Andover until she retired in 1985.

SAMPSON - Charles R. "Chuck" Sampson, 51, of Merrimack, died Monday, Sept. 30 at Youville Hospital in Cambridge. Mr. Sampson was a former member of the Indian Ridge Country Club of Andover.

STOKES - Austin L. "Bud" Stokes, 86, of Braintree, died Thursday, Sept. 26 at the Quincy Medical Center. Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Alan Levine of Andover, and their son, Jay.

TOPPI - Edmund Toppi, 79, of Lawrence, died Thursday, Sept. 26 at the Meadows at Edgewood in North Andover. Mr. Toppi was a chef at Bob White Restaurant in Andover until he retired.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1902

The Andover National Bank has declared a dividend of 2 1/2 percent.

William Hardy has entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A sweet apple grown on a tree at the residence of Mrs. Darius Richardson, Chestnut Street, measured 13 inches in circumference and weighed a little over a pound.

75 Years Ago - 1927

Four new teachers were elected at the meeting of the school committee Tuesday evening.

The financial statement of the school department for the month ending Oct. 4 follows:

Supt. and Office	\$322.50
Clerk and Att. Officer	\$59.40
Expense and Instruction	\$5,456.42
Textbooks	\$1,361.77
Expense of Operation	\$376.98
Fuel	\$21.00
Miscellaneous	\$73.50
Maintenance	\$1,340.22
Auxiliary Agencies	\$137.50
Transportation	\$806.02
Miscellaneous	\$81.67
TOTAL	\$10,038.07

50 Years Ago - 1952

Teachers in the new Central school are most enthusiastic about the new building, which they have occupied for about three weeks, and about the modern features it contains. In discussing the new plant and its equipment from a teachers point of view, Miss Catherine M. Barrett, the principal, says: "Today 650 children, who only a few months ago were going to school in small adjoining buildings, are housed under the roof of one large modern archi-

tectural brick building, the design of which was intended to inspire these future citizens of Andover."

Stirred by the coming presidential election, a large number of men and women have registered in recent sessions of the board of registrars held in various parts of the town since the state primaries. Included in this group is a large number of young people who have just reached voting age, a very substantial number of new residents in Andover, and some whose marital status has recently been changed.

25 Years Ago - 1977

Andover firefighters began picketing town hall Wednesday morning in an effort to explain their actions in the long standing contract dispute with the town. The action followed curtailing of activity at a final arbitration session on the contract before the state board of conciliation and arbitration last Friday. Fire fighters walked out of the session after finding an issue involving use of civil dispatchers was part of the final arbitration session. John Beanland, president of the local fire fighters union, claimed the action illegal and promised "job action" as they appealed the matter to the state labor relations board.

Selectman Phillip J. Salamon presented to his colleagues this week a method for recruiting and selecting a town manager for Andover. The proposal was presented at the conference session of the board Monday night, after Acting Town Manager J. Maynard Austin asked to be excused.

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Death Notice

Gertrude (Bobrow) Lieb

Gertrude (Bobrow) Lieb, 87, of 600 Three Islands Blvd., Hallandale, FL., died on September 29, 2002 at Saints Memorial Hospital, Lowell, MA, after a 15-month battle with lung cancer.

Born in Spartanburg, S.C. and raised in Newark, N.J., Mrs. Lieb was a graduate of Southside High School in Newark and New Jersey College for Women, New Brunswick, N.J., now called Douglass College/Rutgers University. She also obtained a master's degree from Seton Hall University in New Jersey.

Mrs. Lieb taught in the Newark School System for 21 years before her retirement in 1975. She lived for many years in South Orange, N.J., before moving to Florida upon her retirement. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. During her 38-year marriage, she and her husband traveled throughout many parts of the world. She was an avid bridge player, a voracious reader and loved to argue politics. She was active in many South Florida charities, most recently as an officer and board member of the Hallandale chapter of Brandeis University Women. For the past four months, Mrs. Lieb had been residing at the Blaire House Assisted Living in Tewksbury, MA, while undergoing medical treatment.

Mrs. Lieb was the widow of Edward Lieb. She leaves daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Robert Gilman of Boca Raton, FL and Lake Naomi, PA; daughter and son-in-law Holli and John Marrs of Andover, MA, and four grandchildren.

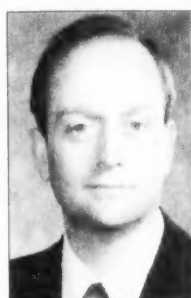
Memorial contributions may be made to Saints Memorial Hospital Cancer Center, One Hospital Drive, Lowell, MA 01852.

Private graveside services will be held in New Jersey.

Arrangements are being handled by Goldstein Funeral Chapel, Inc., Edison, NJ.

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TOWN TALK

The need for speed

Alfred Dunhill, the inventor whose new line of dunhill timepieces received special treatment by Royal Jewelers on Sunday, would have admired today's radar devices.

Dunhill was a lover of motor cars, and sold a number of products for motorists. One, called Dunhill's Bobby Finders, was well hyped in a 1903 advertisement that showed a man wearing a pair of glasses that look as if they have binoculars attached to them. These were the Bobby Finders. "(They) will spot a policeman at half a mile even if disguised as a respectable man" claimed the ad.

Why did Dunhill sell such a product back then?

"Alfred got a speeding ticket for going 22.5 mph in a 12 mph zone," says Worthy Bodey, a dunhill manager. "I think he was the first person to fight a speeding ticket."

—Neil Fater

Remembering victims: Biking from Ground Zero to Pentagon

Phillip W. Dannolfo of Washington Park Condos was a participant in the World Team Sports "Face of America 2002" bicycle ride from Ground Zero in New York City to Washington, DC. The bicycle ride was in remembrance of those from Andover and other areas who died last Sept. 11. The bicycle ride began Friday, Sept. 20 at Ground Zero, went down the New Jersey shore, and ended Sunday, Sept. 22 in Washington, DC. Closing ceremonies were held at the Pentagon in late afternoon.



Phillip W. Dannolfo

There were many participants in the bicycle ride who wanted the privilege of "honoring those who died in this horrendous terrorist attack," organizers said.

'GBH seeks art hawkers

The WGBH Auction's "Two Collection" seeks volunteers in preparation for its June televised art auction fundraiser. Volunteers can write scripts for on-air presentations, assist with special events, and contact artists for donations. The kickoff meeting on Oct. 29, although volunteers are welcome to start anytime.

For more information, call Tiffany DeGennaro at 617-300-4211.



To celebrate her 35th year in fashion and Reagle Players 35th anniversary, Yolanda Cellucci (left) is sponsoring an "Anniversary Extravaganza" to benefit the Reagle Players of Waltham. Committee members Yolanda, Bob Eagle, Ann Lee Medeiros and Michael Medeiros of Andover, pose for a picture at the fund-raising kick off party. The black tie event is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 9. For information, call 781-891-5600.

ON THE SCENE

Opening reception moves the crowd with live performances

Stopping gallery-goers in their tracks at the Addison

It WAS AN OPENING RECEPTION that moved. That's the only way to describe last Friday night's reception at Phillips Academy's Addison Gallery.



ON THE SCENE

Judy Wakefield

It was their interpretation of Brown's Floor of the Forest that had the wine-sippers stopping in their tracks to watch. Students slid in and out of clothing woven through ropes about four-feet off the ground in a recreation of Brown's piece.

"I appreciate the student focus that's here (at the Addison)," said Brown, who attended the reception and watched the student dancers. "It's wonderful to see so many students around. That's what I enjoy about this gallery."

There was plenty of artistic variety at the event as ongoing black-and-white films showed Brown performing.

In addition, the walls featured framed

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Throughout the reception, dancers performed Brown's Floor of the Forest routine.



Part of the opening crowd for Addison's newest exhibit is shown on the foyer of the first floor.



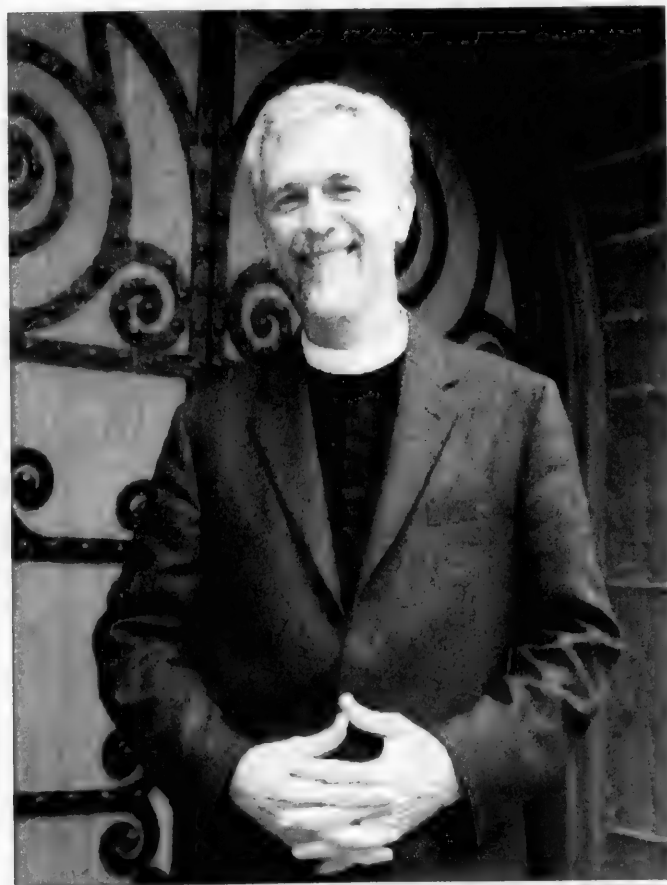
Choreographer Trisha Brown (left) and dancer Shelley Senter at the opening reception for Brown's show at the Addison Gallery.



Admiring an oil on linen piece by Terry Winters are Ellie Fishbein (left) and Mary Pierce "MP" Leslie, both of Andover.

The exhibit's fog sculpture intrigued guests as they were encouraged to dance through the fog or watch the ongoing film featuring dancers being shown through the fog.

Photos by Tim Jean



Rev. Jeffrey Gill replaces the late Rev. Dennis Jarry, who died last year, as the priest-in-charge at Christ Episcopal Church on Central Street.

New priest-in-charge loves his work

By Yadira Betances

JEFFREY GILL WAS ACCEPTED TO study law at Vanderbilt and Indiana universities. But rather than attend one of these schools, he decided to pursue what he saw as a higher law — the word of the Lord.

"I felt it was more of who I was. I felt it drew on the diversity of skills and gifts I had," he said.

A priest since 1988, Gill has now joined Christ Episcopal Church in Andover as priest-in-charge. He replaces the late Rev. Dennis Jarry, who died last year.

Gill and his wife, Carolyn, have two children, Elizabeth, 22, a graduate of Columbia University, and George, 14, a freshman at Andover High. Carolyn Gill is general manager of Adelynrood Retreat Center in Byfield.

During his spare time, he enjoys riding his Honda Valkyrie. He and his son did a cross country trip from Portland, Maine, to San Diego, Calif. He also plays the recorder and spends as much time as he can with his son.

Gill is not new to the area. For the past 12 years, he served as pastor of Trinity Church in Topsfield. He has also served at Grace Episcopal Church in Lawrence and St. Andrew Episcopal in Methuen.

"I love what I do. The clergy is one of the last professions that requires you to be a generalist — (it) can include any people skills, spiritual, intellectual

and administrative skills," he said.

Gill, 47, was born in Muncie, Ind. He received a bachelor's degree in East Asian language and culture and religious studies at Indiana University. He attended seminary at Harvard Divinity School and is pursuing a doctorate degree at Tufts' Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

He has a specific interest in conflict resolution. He recently spent 10 days in the Middle East talking to Israeli and Palestinian politicians, activists and residents about the crisis in that part of the world.

"I feel any time you study another language and another culture, it rounds up the perception of the world and it makes you more compassionate about people," he said.

Gill can understand Japanese and Spanish, having studied both languages in his younger years. He spent one summer in Japan with Youth for Understanding and another summer in Mexico with another organization.

One Bible passage he lives by is the Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew 5:3-11.

"That's the core of Jesus' teaching. It teaches us that God sees us all differently than we see each other," he said.

Gill considers Desmond Tutu to be his role model in the faith. Tutu, who was in Andover this June to honor the retirement of Rev. Mark Welch of

West Parish Church, is bishop of Johannesburg, South Africa, former secretary general of the South African Council of Churches and winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize.

"He's such an important figure for our time because he demonstrates the power of the gospel. He combines a passion for the gospel with an ability to relate to public life, political reality and make a difference in those areas," he said.

Gill himself has been involved in international issues through church connections.

He served as chairman for the Commission on Wider Mission for the Diocese of Massachusetts, Refugee Migration Ministry, and helped establish a partnership with Brazil and a linkage with the Diocese of Manchester, England.

"Our lives are interconnected and those relationship help us know better people who are from those countries," he said of the partnership with Brazil. "We learn from each other. After Sept. 11, we've come to recognize that what happens in other parts of the world matters to us."

Gill considers the highlight of his years as a priest "baptizing new people, celebrating the Eucharist. That's what it's all about. Watching people grow in their faith and being with people who are struggling with their faith."

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY NEWS

By Norma Gammon
Community service coordinator,
Memorial Hall Library



CULTURAL EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2:30 p.m.



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IRISH STORIES & SONGS with Magdalen Cantwell

An afternoon of sing-along and stories that invite active participation. Animal tales, fairy/folk tales, and songs in Gaelic that can be learned on the spot. This program lends itself to children and adults. Some of the fall favorites include *The Fox and the Hedgehog*.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 9:30 a.m.

Sally Matson as Susan B. Anthony, THE FEISTY WOMEN

This 45-minute production brings to life the women who fought for more than 50 years to win suffrage for women. Anthony was ridiculed in public, disparaged in newspapers, even abandoned by some of her colleagues, but she never gave up.

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m.

'60s INVASION

'60s Invasion is a band that plays music from the 1960s. They started building their repertoire from the band that was primarily responsible for defining that music, namely, the Beatles. Some of the bands whose music is represented in their program are the Beatles, the Byrds, the Grass Roots, and Gerry and the Pacemakers.

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Michael LaFosse, Origami demonstration

Michael LaFosse designs, he folds, he takes his art to a deeper artistic level. His work has been shown in exhibits and museums, including the Louvre in Paris. Corporate clients include Saks Fifth Avenue and Fidelity Capital. LaFosse has written 12 books.

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MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m.
AN HOUR BEFORE DAYLIGHT,
Jimmy Carter

GREAT BOOKS

Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.
ALEX, In Complete Plays of Sophocles

Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.

SELF-RELIANCE, Emerson

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 21, 7:15 p.m.
HUCKLEBERRY FINN, Mark Twain

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES:

Every Monday, 10 a.m.-noon
Sept. 23 through Dec. 9

NEW INDIAN FILMS

The library recently added 10 Indian-made films to its foreign videocassette collection.

We had owned eight films in the Bengali language and seven Hindi language titles.

The new films, all in Hindi with English subtitles, cover several decades of Indian cinema, from the '50s through the '90s.

New titles are: *Aashiq*, *Abhimanyu*, *Agneepath*, *Amar*, *Andaz*, *Baazigar*, *Bobby*, *Mohraa*, *Mother India*, and *Sholay*.

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Registration for fall story hours for preschoolers will be coming up soon, starting Oct. 15. Parents and caregivers of 3- to 5-year-olds are requested to visit the Children's Room to sign up for these story hours, which will begin in November and will continue for a total of six weeks.

Each program will include three or four picture books, group activities and a related story-craft.

A free drop-in story hour is scheduled for Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15, beginning Nov. 5.

Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to come ready for bed dressed in their pajamas to enjoy three or four bedtime stories as well as a quiet song and a short film.

Our Saturday morning "Filmtips" will also begin soon, with the first program Sat-

urday, Oct. 19 with *Timothy Goes to School*, *My Red Umbrella*, *Each Peach Pear Plum* and *Blueberries for Sal*. All preschoolers accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us at 10 a.m. This half-hour program will continue every Saturday morning through mid-December.

Fliers with full details about these and other programs for children are now available from the Children's Room. Or check the Web site at <www.mhl.org>.

NEWS FROM THE REFERENCE DESK

ReferenceUSA is now available remotely from your home, school or office. This product provides millions of residential and business telephone numbers and addresses and can be searched multiple ways, including name, state, and yellow page headings.

So if you need addresses for your holiday card list, a number of a bed and breakfast in Maine, or the headquarters of a company, check out ReferenceUSA from home at <www.mhl.org> under Magazine articles/Reference.

THE TEEN-Z ROOM

Memorial Hall Library introduces the Teen-z Room, a place to study, read, chat or hang out. The Teen-z Room will be open Monday-Thursday from 3-9 p.m., Friday 2:30-5:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 1-5 p.m. The room is equipped with computers, a printer, reading materials, books on tape, music CDs, videos, DVDs and magazines. Staff can assist students with homework or guide them to the Reference Desk for further assistance.

The Teen-z Room now offers students the use of laptop computers. A library card is all that is needed to borrow a laptop to use in the Teen-z Room for one hour per day. The laptops will have all the necessary resources for research, including the Internet and magazine databases. In addition, all laptops are equipped with Microsoft Office (Word; Front Page; Publisher and more), and the ability to view a DVD.

These laptops were funded by a federal Library Services and Technology Act grant administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This information literacy grant, titled Boot-Up: Beating Online Obstacles Together, was a two-year project targeting students in grades 4 and older. By providing the laptops as part of the new study space, students will be able to learn effective use of electronic resources.

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BIRTHS

DALY - Emma Hayes Daly was born Sept. 14 at Holy Family Hospital. She is the daughter of Margaret (Gerroir) and Jonathan William Daly of Methuen. Grandparents are Paul and Fran Gerroir of Andover and Nancy Jo Daly of Fitchburg. Great-grandmothers are Alice Gerroir of Arlington and Elizabeth DesJardins of Fitchburg.

deMOOR - Daniel Knight deMoore was born July 25 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He is the son of Jan ("Jon") deMoore and Giovanna Romero of Ravens Bluff. Grandparents are Jan and Ruth deMoore of Stoneham, and Conchita Romero of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico and the late Dr. Angel M. Romero. Daniel joins Eric, 2.

DOUGHERTY - Christopher "Aidan" Dougherty was born on Sept. 7 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Aidan is the son of Chris and Kelly (Walsh) Dougherty. Grandparents are Bill and Jill Walsh of Andover, Mary Dougherty of South Berwick, Maine and Tom Dougherty of Lowell.

GAFFNEY - Ryan William Gaffney was born Sept. 5 at Holy Family Hospital. He is the son of Karen and Kevin Gaffney of Andover, and joins his big sister Maeve, 22 months. Grandparents are John and Kathryn Flynn of Concord, and Ned and MaryEllen Gaffney of Florham Park, N.J.

INGRAM - Stephen Balog Ingram was born Sept. 10. He is the son of Suzanne and Stephen Wilks Ingram of Buttonwood Drive. Grandparents are Emma Balog of Andover and Eloise and

Tom Ingram of Naples, Fla. Stephen joins Emma, 6 and Caroline, 4.

LABELLE - Emma Daley LaBelle was born Sept. 19 at Holy Family Hospital. She is the daughter of Jaime (Westaway) and William Gregory LaBelle of Lawrence. Grandparents are Pamela LaBelle of Worcester and Bruce and Carmie of Andover.

MURRAY - Samuel Johnson Murray was born Aug. 19. He is the son of Steven and Gina Murray of Andover. Grandparents are Joseph and Sharon Caico of Lynfield and Hugh and Patricia Murray of Winchester.

OTT - Amanda Rose Ott was born Sept. 18 at Holy Family Hospital. She is the daughter of Cheryl (Henderson) and Bruce Ott of Andover. Grandparents are Ruth and Alan Henderson of Andover, and Rose and Warren Ott of Groton, Conn. She joins big sister Emily Grace.

SMITH - Anthony Brendan Smith was born Sept. 13 at Holy Family Hospital. He is the son of Suzanne Metropian-Smith and Shannon T. Smith of Andover. Grandparents are Carol Smith of Amesbury and Arpie Metropian of North Reading. Anthony joins Alexia Metropian Smith and Aram Flynn Smith.

WEIGHTMAN - Benjamin Douglas Weightman was born Sept. 9. He is the son of Dana (Cole) and Keith Douglas Weightman of Georgetown. Grandparents are Willard and Joanne Weightman of Andover. Benjamin joins James Lisle Weightman.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS

~ 2002 KEY DATES ~

ISSUE DATE

Oct. 31
Nov. 28
Dec. 26

PHOTO DEADLINE

Oct. 25
Nov. 22
Dec. 20

Babies celebrating their first birthdays, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having an October 2002 first birthday will be published in the Oct. 31 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. Births are printed the first Thursday of the month.

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Attorney DiFruscia is the Managing Trial Attorney whose familiarity with courts in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire is well known. In addition, his work on the Commerce Committee involves him in insurance and banking issues, which enables him to better serve his clients in southern New Hampshire. His wife, Attorney Kathleen Sullivan DiFruscia, manages the Bodily Injury Division, and she works with Attorney William J. Mason, and, of counsel, Attorney Charles Capace of Boston. The firm also includes Attorney Jeffrey M. Kaye, Attorney Sam Cheng, Attorney Gary Harding, and Attorney Henry Matis. They are also anticipating the addition of Kara DiFruscia to their firm, and she has an interest in expanding the services offered. Attorney DiFruscia salutes his support staff for their important contributions, not the least of which is insuring the comfort of clients.

He also says that a good lawyer should understand the art of negotiation. His own strength and interest lies in trying cases before a jury, although only 5 percent of cases actually go to trial. "It is not my interest to increase litigation but rather to provide the client with the most equitable result. We try to make the process both rational and reasonable," he said.

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ON THE SCENE



◀ Silas Rock, 22-month-old, who attended the Addison Gallery opening last Friday night with his mother, Susan Sellers, reaches for a print that he likes. Sellers helped design the exhibit.

■ ADDISON GALLERY

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prints of Brown's collaboration with visual artists through drawings, paintings, prints and photographs. There are also costumes and stage sets along with a fog sculpture that intrigued guests.

"It's just a great variety and there is so much of it," said gallery director Adam Weinberg, who attended the reception and was pleased with the good-sized crowd.

Show-takers included Mary Pierce Leslie of Andover, who was attending her first opening reception at the Addison.

"I really think they did a great

job with the presentation," Leslie said of the show. "There is so much going on."

She attended with Ellie Fishbein, who manages the women's clothing store Native Sun, on Essex Street.

"There is such a tremendous variety here," said Fishbein, who like other showgoers planned to cap off the event with dinner at the Andover Inn, also located on the Phillips Academy campus. "I think it's a very interesting show... a bit different with some great pieces." The show, entitled "Trisha Brown: Dance and Art in Dialogue, 1961-2001," runs through Jan. 5.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

The Merrimack Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will kick off its new program year Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

The theme for the meeting is "AAUW: Finding Support for the Choices We Make."

Marion Kilson, president of the Massachusetts AAUW, will address the group, followed by a panel discussion.

The AAUW is a national organization dedicated to the advancement of educational and career opportunities for women. The local branches raise funds to award local scholarships and provide enrichment and networking opportunities for its members.

Membership is open to graduates of four year colleges; college students are also welcome. All interested individuals are welcome to attend this meeting to learn about the group. For more information, call Lisa Slattery at 978-470-4549.

At the first board meeting of the Andover Garden Club's 2002-03 year, president Claire Syiek announced that the club received two awards at the 2002 Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts annual meeting.

On the state level, the AGC received first place in the large-club category of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts 2001-02 Publicity Press Book Award competition.

On the national level, the club received a National Garden Clubs, Inc.'s Publicity Press Book Award Certificate of Commendation, specifically an Honorable Mention in the large-club category. The AGC publicity committee prepared the press book, a collection of media coverage of club events, that earned the awards.

Syiek congratulated publicity chair Frances Y. J. Wheeler on the

awards. Wheeler, a resident of Andover, is a long-time member of the club who previously served as president, and principal of Wheeler PR & Marketing, an Andover-based media-relations consultancy specializing in software and services. Andover resident Jane Barlow also serves on the publicity committee.

Information about joining the club is available from AGC membership chair Karen Schnorrenberg at 978-474-8973, or <karen.sberg@attbi.com>.

Circles of Wisdom will host Dan Millman, inspirational author, lecturer and seminar leader, Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road.

Millman's presentation, "Twelve Keys to Everything: The Power of Spiritual Law," is 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$35 in advance, or \$40 at the door.

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The Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity announced that Millard Fuller, the leader and founder of Habitat for Humanity International, will attend and address guests at the local chapter's fundraising dinner at 5 p.m. next Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Georgetown Country Club in Georgetown. The dinner will follow a day-long golf tournament and will include a silent auction. Tickets are available for the golf tournament and the dinner, or only the dinner event.

Supporters interested in playing in the golf tournament, attending dinner and the silent auction should call 978-681-8858 to register.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY NEWS

■ TEEN-Z ROOM AT MHL

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and the skills necessary to navigate quickly and efficiently on the Internet. As a library card is needed to borrow a laptop, students should obtain one by visiting the Children's Room (grade 6 and younger with parent/guardian signature) or the Circulation Desk (grades 7-12).

Proper identification is required. For the month of October, students can obtain replacement cards for free. The normal \$1 fee to replace a lost card will be waived for students who visit either the Children's Room or Circulation Desks.

TEEN READ WEEK ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED

The week of Oct. 13-19 is national Teen Read Week, a time to remind teens about the importance of reading. Memorial Hall

Library will offer several activities to help teens participate. On Sunday, Oct. 13, teens can visit the Teen-z Room between 1 and 5 p.m. to make a Creative Cover for their favorite book.

Teens can take a book from the Teen-z Room hardcover collection and create a new and improved cover to attract new readers.

The library will be closed Monday, Oct. 14 for Columbus Day, so there will be no activities that day.

However, teens wanting to enter the photo contest are reminded that entries are due Friday, Oct. 18 by 5:30 p.m. The theme of the contest is "What are you reading?"

Photos should incorporate a favorite book. For complete contest rules, stop by the Teen-z Room. The public will judge the photos, on display through Oct. 31, and the top choices for ages 11-13 and 14-18 will

be awarded prizes.

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, the Teen-z Room will offer Drop-in Crafts with a Halloween theme. Teens will need to drop-in to see what mysterious crafts are planned.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, teens are invited to a Comics/Card Swap. Participants should bring comics and cards to swap with others.

Refreshments will be served. The swap begins at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 17 the Teen-z Room will become a café from 4-6 p.m. Acoustic performances, poetry readings, and book-talks will be part of the afternoon gathering. Refreshments will be served.

Anyone interested in performing should contact Beth Kerrigan before this date.

For more information about programs for teens, contact Kerrigan at <bkerrigan@mhl.org> or 978-623-8400.

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Education

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Commencement ceremonies were held May 26. Degrees also were awarded to September and February graduates.

The following students from Andover received bachelor's degrees: **David An**, 186 High St.; **Lacy Arsenault**, 203 Jenkins Road; **Christopher Ataide**, 11 Belle Haven Drive; **Jacqueline Bloom**, 3 Durham Drive; **Amy Cronin**, 20 Gavin Circle; **Steven Crossley**, 218 Beacon St.; **Erin Croteau**, 7 Sweetbriar Lane; **Jeffrey Cutler**, 48 Balmoral St.; **Kimberly Downes**, 8 Cardinal Lane; **Christopher Dunn**, 23 Chandler Road; **Timothy Fallon**, 16 Woodhaven Drive; **Sarah Garick**, 23 Rutgers Road; **Brian King**, 143 Haggetts Pond Road; **Ana Leon**, 14 Longwood Drive; **Peter Maguire**, 7 Berkeley Lane; **Krista Wepsic**, 53 Salem St.; **Matthew Yost**, 20 Porter Road.

Richard Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Ford of Andover, entered Tabor Academy located in Marion, Mass. this fall as a member of the freshman class. This summer he participated in a week-long sea experience aboard *SSV Tabor Boy*. Tabor runs seven one-week voyages starting June 23 to Aug. 3 and offers new students an opportunity to experience life on board the school's 90-foot schooner. Students participate in an "Orientation at Sea" program, which brings 12 to 14 students, Tabor faculty, and Tabor student crew members together for six days of sailing, exploring, and learning along the coast of Maine. This program exposes incoming students to the ocean with a general introduction to oceanography, marine biology, and related environmental issues. Students earn a one-half semester credit in nautical science for their participation in this program.

Sex in the City may be one of television's top-rated shows, but live programs focusing sex, sin, radicals, censorship, and a first lady are expected to draw hundreds as part of the Theodore Roosevelt inaugural centennial symposium Oct. 17-20.

Three women, including **Kathleen Dalton** of Andover, are responsible for what organizers call "the intriguing topics."

These historians and authors who specialize in Theodore Roosevelt are

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Students line up to board a bus outside High Plain Elementary School on Tuesday. An extra bus will be added to help relieve overcrowding on the buses.

RADON TESTING

New schools' air tests out OK

By Ben Hellman

Tests for radon at the Wood Hill Middle and High Plain Elementary schools have come back negative.

"Everything looks great," said Everett Penney, Andover health director, who plans to have the schools tested again in the winter when the building is sealed shut.

Radon, a naturally occurring gas, does not pose an immediate health risk, but prolonged exposure can lead to cancer, Penney says.

Therefore, when radon emissions were discovered at the new schools site during the construction of the schools, a passive radon prevention and mitigation system was installed.

Two weeks ago, workers distributed 114 charcoal canisters

throughout the two schools to test for radon inside the buildings. The canisters did not detect the gas, said Penney.

"People will be thrilled," said

Wood Hill PAC co-president Luci Prawdzik.

While the news is welcome, however, Prawdzik indicated parents have been focused on more immediate, tangible concerns. The subject of radon testing hadn't come up at the school's first PAC meeting, where rising class sizes had dominated parents' concerns, she said.

Concentrations of radon gas are measured in picocuries per

liter (pCi/l). According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the federal government suggests that if an initial screening finds more than 4 pCi/l, further measurements should be taken to determine the annual average exposure to radon. Corrective action should be taken "within a reasonable period of time."

The canisters left in the school would have detected radon levels greater than 0.4 pCi/l, which means that current radon levels must be below 0.4, says Penney.

"We are encouraged," said Penney. "When you consider the soil readings we had in 2000 were 30 to 600 pCi/l, the remediation system (caused a) successful mitigation."

To create the system, crushed rock was placed below the buildings' concrete slabs. Ventilation pipes carry potential gasses above the roof of the schools.

Building Committee chairman Mark Johnson says that the possibility of upgrading the remediation system was something the building committee planned for. "It was something we budgeted for," he said. The money to install fans on the existing venting pipes would have come from contingency money planned at the beginning of the project.

"People will be thrilled."

WOOD HILL PAC CO-PRESIDENT LUCI PRADZIK

NEW FALL SEASON



PSPA, the parents' association of Phillips Academy, held its annual fall reception on Friday, Sept. 20. More than 160 PA parents gathered to welcome the new academic year. Rebecca Sykes (right), acting head of school, gave the keynote address and was presented with a check by Linda Fiske (left), association president, for the PSPA endowment scholarship given to an academy student each year. PSPA members sponsor many on-campus activities throughout the year in support of Phillips Academy and invite PA parents to attend their monthly meetings.

Bus added to ease crowding at new schools

By Ben Hellman

CROWDED BUSES, NO SIDEWALKS and pick-up line traffic jams are plaguing High Plain Elementary School parents. But some relief may be in sight.

Responding to complaints about the number of students riding the buses to Andover's new elementary school, Superintendent Claudia Bach says an extra bus will be added to bring kids to High Plain.

The new bus will be welcomed by parents such as High Plain Elementary PTO co-president Martha Hyslip. She described a grid-locked parent pick-up line at High Plain after school. "One day someone counted 136 cars," says Hyslip.

There are no sidewalks on the streets leading to High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools, so some students have to be bused to school who wouldn't be otherwise, said Carol Znamierowski, transportation coordinator. Brady Loop is the only neighborhood that isn't currently bused to the new schools.

When sidewalks go in the Forest Hill Drive area, students there will walk as well, says Znamierowski. "We felt that parents and children would want to walk," she said.

Pick up line

One of the reasons so many parents are picking up their kids is because they want their chil-

dren to return home more quickly than the buses can accomplish. Hyslip says that some parents would prefer to pick up their children rather than have them come home on the second bus offered at the school.

"People in that area (Forest Hill Drive) don't want to be on a second bus," said Hyslip. A second bus picks up the students who live closest to the schools later in the morning than the students who live farther away. It also drops off the students who live closest later in the afternoon.

Crowded buses

The subject of crowded buses has been discussed at the last two School Committee meetings.

"Our buses are more full than last year," says Bach. "We will add a small bus to High Plain."

Bach and school business manager Bernie Tuttle say that although the buses are more full than last year, they are not technically overcrowded. Every student has a place to sit, they say.

"(The bus driver) is not to pull away from the curb until everyone is seated," says Tuttle. But some parents have expressed concern.

"We've had calls this year," says Znamierowski. She says that the school system is operating with the same number of buses and drivers as last year. "It's no different this year from any other," she says.



The kindergarten class at Andover's Children's World Learning Center recently won the US Environmental Protection Agency's "2002 Paul G. Keough Earth Artist Award" with their poster titled "Recycling Danger Game." Winning artists include: Rebecca Kelley, Christopher Zhang, John Fitzgerald, Jonathan Battaglia and Olivia Szendy. Their teacher is Susan Gardner.

Fourth and fifth-grade cross-country run set for Oct. 15

The Andover Physical Education Department, in cooperation with the high school cross-country team, is sponsoring a one mile cross-country run for the promotion of cardiovascular fitness, the development of sportsmanship, and the enjoyment of running.

The event is open to eligible fourth- and fifth-grade students from the five Andover public ele-

mentary schools. There will be separate boys and girls divisions in each grade.

The run is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. starting in the Eugene V. Lovely Field.

The estimated time of completion is 5:15 p.m.

A rain date is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 21. The public is invited and encouraged to attend, organizers said.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

■ KATHLEEN DALTON
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among 16 speakers and authors participating in the national symposium sessions, entitled "The Big Stick and the Square Deal: The Presidency of Theodore Roosevelt," which will be held on the Canisius College campus.

"Sin, Sex and Censorship: Theodore Roosevelt and Moral Reform" is the title of Dalton's presentation. She is associate fellow at the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History at Harvard University.

Dalton's new book, *Theodore Roosevelt: A Strenuous Life*, set for release Oct. 15, is already receiving great reviews, organizers said.

There will be single-day ses-

sions Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19. The cost is \$50 per day, which includes keynote speakers, morning and afternoon concurrent sessions, continental breakfast, and lunch.

For reservations and detailed information, contact the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site, 641 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202; or call 716-884-0095.

Meredith White of Andover was named a Marquis Scholar at Lafayette.

White was said to be "one of the best and brightest academic stars of an outstanding incoming class at Lafayette." She will receive a special scholarship and educational benefits.

White is a graduate of

Andover High School, class of 2002, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter White of Azalea Drive.

Selected from among Lafayette's top applicants, Marquis Scholars have distinguished themselves through exceptional academic achievement in high school. They receive from Lafayette an annual minimum scholarship of \$12,500 (totaling \$50,000 over four years), or a grant in the full amount of their demonstrated need if the need is more than \$12,500.

They also receive educational benefits, including a Lafayette-funded, three-week course in a foreign country during January's interim session between regular semesters; cultural activities in

major cities and on campus; and mentoring programs with Lafayette faculty.

White is one of 59 Marquis Scholars in the class of 2006. With a total of 587 students, incoming freshmen began classes Aug. 26.

According to the school, it's Lafayette's strongest academic class ever. The mean SAT score is 1268, and the proportion of students ranking in the top 10 percent of their high-school class is 58 percent, an all-time high.

Andover resident **Robert Deliago**, a recent graduate of Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, in one of nine students who participated in the Summer Opportunities in Science Internship program at UMass Lowell.

Summer Opportunities in Science (SOS) Internship is a new program of paid summer research and academic internships for incoming freshmen majoring in math and science. The eight-week positions include a \$2,500 stipend for a classroom or research internship.

SOS students work alongside faculty and graduate students, building relationships that can support their success throughout their undergraduate career.

Under the supervision of Dr. James Graham-Eagle, chair of mathematical sciences, Deliago's internship focused on developing a help guide for Maple, a math computer program, which will be used by students at the University.

Philip DiBlasi, a 1997 graduate of Andover High School and currently a senior at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla., has recently begun an internship with Information Display Systems Inc.

IDS is an international sporting events planning company with headquarters in Jack-

sonville, Fla., and satellite offices in Paris, France and Melbourne, Australia.

DiBlasi's internship has taken him to London, England to work at the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament, and also to Flushing Meadows, N.Y., to work at the US Open. Last month he left for Sutton Coldfield, England to work at the PGA Ryder Cup Golf Tournament.

Future plans include a 40-day event in Australia.

DiBlasi is currently living in St. Augustine, and will receive his degree in sports management from Flagler College in December. He has accepted a full-time position with IDS

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. has announced the winners of the Rensselaer Medal.

Phillip J. Wang of Andover is this year's honoree at Andover High School.

The Rensselaer Medal, the oldest prize of its kind in the US according to a spokesman, is awarded at 2,700 secondary schools throughout North America, Latin America, Europe, and Asia. This award is given to students who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science. To be honored with the Rensselaer Medal, a student must be a member of the junior class and the high school's most promising science and math student.

Each medalist who is accepted and subsequently enrolls at Rensselaer receives a scholarship of \$40,000, payable in four yearly awards of \$10,000 each.

Marissa Olive Walker, daughter of Brian and Mary Walker of Andover, has been named to the dean's list for the 2002 spring semester at Elon University in Elon, N.C.

The dean's list is composed of students with no grade below a B and a grade-point average



Philip DiBlasi in front of Big Ben. DiBlasi's internship took him to London, England to work at the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament.

of at least 3.40 in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Walker graduated from Andover High School in 1999. She is majoring in human services, with minors in Spanish and art.

Gregory Scott, son of Michael and Ellen Scott of 2 Dundas Ave., was named to the dean's list for spring 2002 semester.

Scott is now a junior at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I., majoring in justice studies.

Hannah Goldstein, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Robert Goldstein, of Andover, is attending Brandeis University in Waltham this fall.

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AHS class of 1977 plans 25th reunion

The Andover High class of 1977 plans to hold its 25th reunion Saturday, Nov. 30 at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

The \$40 event runs from 7 p.m. to midnight, with a buffet and dancing.

Contact Phil Nardone at 978-474-1900, Ext. 250.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Oct. 7-11:

Elementary schools

Monday: Spaghetti and meatballs, hot dog on a roll with chips, pizza stick with soft pretzel, wax beans, fruit and milk Lucky tray day.

Tuesday: Chicken McSchool with potato puffs, chocolate chip pancakes with ham, slice of pizza, corn, pears and milk, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, baked chicken nuggets, pizza ring with marinara sauce, green beans, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday: Pork roast dinner, french toast and sausage, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, peas, applesauce and milk.

Friday: Beefy burritos on soft tortilla, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, carrots, peaches and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Spaghetti and meatballs, toasted cheese sandwich with soup, two hot dogs on a roll with chips, wax beans, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, stuffed crust pizza, nachos with cheese sauce, corn, pears and milk, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday: Oven-baked chicken, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, baked chicken nuggets, green beans, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday: Pork roast dinner, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, chicken McSchool with chips, peas, applesauce and milk.

Friday: Steak and cheese sub, stuffed crust pizza, baked chicken nuggets, carrots, peaches and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, pizaroni, wax beans, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, bakery pizza, rotini with meat sauce, corn, pears and milk, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti ilio olio, green beans, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday: Roast pork dinner, bakery pizza, American chop suey, peas, applesauce and milk, apple crisp.

Friday: Oven-baked chicken, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, carrots, peaches and milk.

Menus subject to change. Lunch prices are: Elementary student \$1.50; adult \$2.25. Secondary student \$1.75 or \$2.50; adult \$2.50 or \$3.25.

Questions? Call Karen Pappa at 978-623-8623.

Destination ImagiNation meeting set for Oct. 9

Learn about Destination ImagiNation, a fantastic and fun way for kids to develop creative problem solving skills. The Destination ImagiNation Program gives kids a chance to expand on the skill and knowledge they have learned in school in a non-traditional and fun way.

An information meeting will be held in the Andover High School cafeteria on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. Come discover how much fun creative problem-solving can be.

For more information, contact Tim Barash at 978-475-1069; or by e-mail at <tbarash@attbi.com>.



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AHS ROUNDUP

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

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opening race with a third-place team that was just a split second behind as Diana Harlow, Monika Eghbalian, Caitlin Doherty and Jen McDonald finished in 2:03.19.

"All 12 swimmers in the 200 medley relay had good splits and were really close together. They were racing each other for time and it turned out pretty exciting," said Fitzgerald.

Placing first in the 200 free relay was the team of Connie Brown, Amy Caron, McDonald and Phuonghu Nguyen, and once again the 1:48.06 was just a few ticks better than the second-place Hinds, Peak, Diana Harlow and Jamie Kapelson squad at 1:48.40.

A close third, completing another relay sweep, was the team of Caitlin Geary, Doherty, Cody and Rita Gillan at 1:51.32.

In the 400 free relay it was Geary, Courtney Hamer, Gillan and Tracey O'Malley first in 4:07.62 with Hinds, Amanda Kaminski, Liz Pallotta and Monica Chung two seconds behind in 4:09.56.

Individual second places were nailed down by Saunders (200 IM, 2:30.68), Cody (50 free (27.75), Caitlin Hamer (100 fly, sectional-cut 1:07.12), Caron (500 free, sectional-cut 5:43.37) and Medaglio (100 breast, 1:17.31).

Casey Frost, back from a neck injury, was the top AHS one-meter diver and third overall with a sectional-cut 166.20 points.

Lowell's Ashley Nolet won the event with an impressive 209.30 points.

"The DD (degree of difficulty) on her (Nolet's) dives was the best I've seen this season," said Fitzgerald.

Other thirds for the Lady Warriors went to Caitlin Carpenter (200 free, 2:18.44), Pallotta (100 fly, sectional-cut 1:07.34), Matia Kostakis (100 free, 1:03.53) and Eghbalian (100 breast, 1:17.40).

Placing fourth for the locals were O'Malley (200 IM, 2:42.03), freshman diver Michelle Guy (153.40 points), Kapelson (100 fly, 1:09.18), Lydia Alovisetti (100 free, 1:05.84), Courtney Hamer (100 back, 1:14.25) and Jackie Leahy (100 breast, 1:23.12).

Completing the scoring were Nguyen with a fifth in the 200 free (2:27.91), Andrea Corso fifth in diving (144.20 points), Casey fifth in the 500 free (6:07.72), Capt. Jen Borden fifth in the 100 back (1:14.96) and Chrissy Caselle sixth in the 50 free (32.13).

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Andover High girls varsity volleyball team, which dropped four of six recent matches, has slipped to the .500 mark and needs to pick up the pace over the second half of the season to qualify for the Division 1 North Tournament.

The locals hit the first bump in the road with back-to-back 2-0 home losses to Billerica and Lexington at the Dunn Gym.

It marked the first time non-league Lexington has ever beaten the Lady Warriors, and Andover had won seven straight matches against Merrimack Valley Conference rival Billerica since the Indians

last beat AHS, 2-1, on Oct. 22, 1997.

The locals bounced back with a 2-1 triumph at Lowell, but then dropped consecutive 2-0 decisions to Dracut and undefeated traditional state Division 1 power Barnstable.

The roller coaster ride went back on the upswing Tuesday with a 2-0 triumph over Lawrence.

Those results left Coach George Sullivan's crew at 5-5 overall and 4-3 in conference play.

"We have to dig in right away and get going if we want to make the tournament," said Sullivan. "We need more consistency to our play and we need to cut way back on the errors."

Schedule

Andover hosts perennial MVC power Chelmsford (8-1) tonight (7:30 p.m. varsity), and hopes to avenge an earlier 2-0 loss when Central Catholic comes to the Dunn Gym next Monday night.

Barnstable 2

Andover 0

The Lady Warriors played like they were a little bit groggy after the two-hour, 15-minute bus ride to the Cape.

Barnstable (10-0) jumped to a 12-1 lead in the first game and went on to a 30-19 victory, and then completed the sweep with a 30-24 victory in game two.

"We made a respectable showing once we got into the match," said coach Sullivan. "Our girls might have been a little intimidated at first by the Barnstable name and all the state championship banners hanging in the gym."

"We did some very good things — but our passing and serving (no aces) was off and we did n't get enough hits."

Ashley McLaughlin was 19-for-25 hitting, with five kills, and 4-for-5 serving.

After that the numbers were small as most of the points went by quickly.

Megan Merinder finished 5-for-8 hitting and 4-for-4 serving, Cate Rauseo 6-for-10 hitting and 3-for-4 serving, Katie Cail 3-for-4 both hitting and serving.

Other top hitters were Adenne Hinds (4-for-4, three kills) and Lauren Underhill (6-for-6).

Kelly and Kerri O'Dea, along with Alik Apelian, were mistake-free from the service line

The Andover JV's dropped a 2-0 decision in the prelim, with the Red Raiders winning the games 30-23 and 30-25. Playing well were Jen Merinder (serving, defense), Kristen Pinksten (hitting) and Stephanie Krey (hitting).

Barnstable also won the JV-B match, 2-0, with 30-19 and 30-27 game scores. Standouts for AHS were Donna Lamontagne (hitting), Leslie Barber (hitting) and Kerry Hill (hitting).

Andover 2

Lawrence 0

The locals bounced back 24 hours after the Barnstable setback to sweep the host Lancers, 30-24 and 30-26.

"The Barnstable match may have helped us by showing our girls what it takes to be a very good team," said coach Sullivan. "This performance gives us a lot of hope for the future."

"We changed the lineup around — again — and the girls seem to be more comfortable in the

positions they played in this match."

Middle hitter Ashley McLaughlin, Lucky No. 13, went 20-for-23 hitting and 10-for-10 serving with seven kills and two aces.

Megan Merinder may have played her best match of the season, finishing 20-for-21 hitting with a team-high eight kills and 9-for-9 serving with three aces.

"Megan played smart," said Sullivan. "She was power-tipping the ball, and she also went 10-for-10 passing and played strong defense."

Katie Cail was 12-for-12 serving and 7-for-9 hitting, while Cate Rauseo set well and finished 10-for-12 serving and 6-for-7 hitting.

Adenne Hinds contributed 11-for-13 hitting, with two kills, and 6-for-7 serving.

Alik Apelian was 6-for-7 serving, Lauren Underhill 11-for-13 hitting with two kills, and setter Kerry O'Dea went 3-for-3 hitting.

The AHS junior varsity fell to 5-4 overall with a 2-0 loss in the prelim, Lawrence squeezing out 31-29 and 30-27 wins. Leading the locals were Stephanie Krey (hitting), Jen Merinder (setting, hitting) and Kristen Pinksten.

Dracut 2

Andover 0

For the second time this season, the Lady Warriors "gave away" one whole game by making 30 errors in the match played at Dracut.

Those mistakes cost AHS 17 points in the first game and 13 in the second, as the Middies swept by 30-24 and 30-25 scores.

"We were back on our heels a lot — and we hit the ball all over the place including into the net too many times," said coach Sullivan. "We made a couple of nice runs in both games. But then we'd turn around and fall behind by eight or 10 points again."

"At times we played great — hustling and chasing down balls by diving in the stands. But then we'd serve the ball out of bounds three or four times in a row."

Capt. Ashley McLaughlin finished 24-for-28 hitting, with seven kills, and she was 10-for-11 serving.

Megan Merinder contributed three aces and two kills, going 12-for-12 serving and 19-for-21 hitting.

Adenne Hinds contributed 12-for-14 hitting, 4-for-6 serving, three kills and three aces.

Capt. Katie Cail was perfect with 10-for-10 hitting and 7-for-7 serving.

Other Lady Warrior standouts included Cate Rauseo (10-for-13, one kill), Lauren Underhill (9-for-13 hitting), freshman Kerry O'Dea (7-for-9 serving) and Laura Lamontagne (5-for-6 serving, 3-for-3 hitting).

Sullivan felt Cail and Lamontagne had their best defensive matches thus far, while Hinds and Merinder produced their top offensive matches.

The Andover JV's won the prelim, 2-1, with game scores of 30-20, 27-30 and 30-24. Playing well for the locals were Jen Merinder, Kristen Pinksten and Stephanie Krey.

EARLIER MATCHES

Billerica 2

Andover 0

Scoring drought continues for Golden Warriors (0-3)

By Rick Harrison

Last year the Andover High varsity football team averaged 24.7 points per game, piling up 247 and never scoring less than 20 in a single contest.

But 75 percent of that explosive backfield graduated, and promising quarterback Brendan Smith transferred to prep school, where he is having a fine year.

With their departure, thus far the 2002 Golden Warriors are having trouble putting points on the board.

That problem continued against Methuen, projected as one of the best teams in the Merrimack Valley Conference this fall, as the locals were beaten by the Rangers 28-8 under the lights at Nicholson Stadium.

Coach Ken Maglio's crew, which is young and trying hard, fell to 0-3 overall and now has managed only two touchdowns and 15 total points in three games.

Methuen (2-0) scored in the opening minutes of the game, extended its lead to 22-0 at the half and 28-21 in the third quarter.

Andover got on the board late in the third session when QB Joel Keefe pitched his first varsity TD pass, a 17-yarder to Nick Stamas, and the same pair hooked up for

the two-point conversion.

Methuen did the bulk of its damage on the ground, with running back Fola Aiyeku scoring a pair of first-half touchdowns and rushing for 104 yards on 18 carries.

Derek

Marsan found two other ways to score, sprinting 63 yards on a punt return in the opening minute and grabbing a 20-yard scoring strike from QB Nick Reusch.

Sophomore Matt Hennessy once again led the AHS ground game, although this time he was held to 44 yards.

The Golden Warriors return home tomorrow night to face another undefeated team, with Lowell bringing a 3-0 record to Lovely Field (7 p.m. kickoff).

Last year the rivals played a wild one with Lowell pulling out a 28-22 victory. The teams also had a memorable game in 1999, won by Lowell 34-33.

The Red Raiders have won five of their last six meetings with Andover, and

GAME SUMMARY

METHUEN 28, ANDOVER 8

at Nicholson Stadium, Methuen

Andover	0	0	0	0	8
Methuen	6	16	6	0	28

First Quarter
M: Derek Marsan 63 punt return (rush failed)

Second Quarter
M: Fola Aiyeku 3 run (Nick Reusch rush)

M: Marsan 20 pass from Reusch (Reusch rush)

Third Quarter
M: Aiyeku 20 run (rush failed)

A: Nick Stamas 17 pass from Joel Keefe (Stamas pass from Keefe)

Fourth Quarter
No scoring

Records: Methuen 2-0, Andover 0-3

also hold a commanding 14-6 series edge over the past two decades.

This year LHS has beaten North Middlesex Regional of Townsend (33-0), New Hampshire Division 1 power Nashua in an upset (21-12) and Dracut (14-0).

Nine different players have scored at least one touchdown for the balanced Red Raiders, with running back Darren Wilson and wide receiver Jim McNeil boasting two each.

QB Pat Donovan has thrown four TD passes in three games, and Wilson is the top rusher with 232 yards.

Veteran placekicker Julio Faria is also a field goal threat in a close game.

Last year Lowell finished 8-3 and shared the MVC title with Chelmsford, Central Catholic and Haverhill.

Capt. Katie Cail and Cate Rauseo were both 6-for-7 hitting, while Cail also went 4-for-4 and Rauseo 3-for-6 serving.

Alik Apelian played a solid match in the back row with 12-for-13 serving and three digs.

Also contributing to the effort were Kerri O'Dea (3-for-3 hitting), freshman Samantha Kerivan (4-for-7 hitting), Laura Lamontagne (3-for-5 serving) and freshman Kelly O'Dea (2-for-2 serving, good passing).

The Lady Warriors were missing junior stand-out middle hitter Megan Merinder for this match.

The AHS junior varsity, with several key players elevated to the varsity, dropped a 2-0 decision in the prelim by close scores of 30-28 and 30-27.

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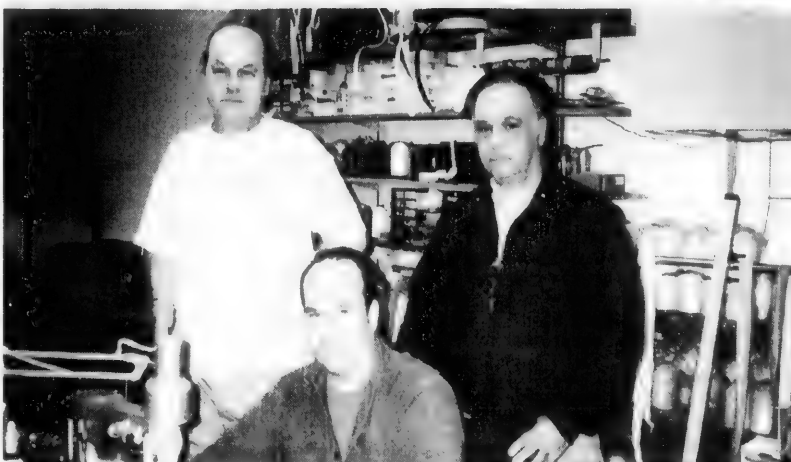
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Business

IN BRIEF

'Retail Business Kit For Dummies' is breakfast topic Thursday, Oct. 10

The Eagle-Tribune, the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Retailers Association of Massachusetts will host a seminar next Thursday, Oct. 10, called "How to Make Money in Retailing Today."

Promoting the new best-selling book *Retail Business Kit For Dummies* by Rich Segel, the event will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at DiBurro's Function Hall, Haverhill.

The cost is \$20 for the first person (includes registration and full breakfast), or \$15 each for two or more people from the same company.

The book will be available the day of the seminar for \$29.95.

Attendees will learn:

- How to price merchandise for maximum profits;
- How to control inventory buying in a simple to use and understandable system;
- The secrets of effective cost-saving advertising used by the pros;
- A selling system so effective that it increases sales immediately; and
- How to run a sale to have throngs of customers lined up at the front door.

The program will be conducted by chamber member Rick Segel, who has presented more than 1,200 programs. Within the last 12 months, Segel has presented more than 125 times and was hired by the Australian government to teach Australian retailers these strategies. He has reportedly worked with some of the finer names in retailing, but specializes in small and independent retailing. Segel has appeared on more than 100 radio and TV shows, and has written what organizers describe as the most complete book on retailing, in an understandable format, ever produced, for the *Dummies* series of books.

Members Mortgage and MVFCU to present home-buyer workshop

Members Mortgage, a provider of mortgage financing to New England credit unions, is holding a home-buyer counseling session for Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union members this Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Wyndham Hotel, 123 Old River Road.

This seminar is geared for Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union members and non-members seeking home mortgage loans through Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union.

Addressing the necessary steps a home buyer should follow, this educational workshop will feature speakers that include a home inspector, attorney, appraiser, real estate broker and loan officers from Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union.

Loan officers from Members Mortgage will also be available to answer attendee questions.

Participants will receive a certificate for \$250 off closing costs toward a new purchase/first mortgage program. Seating is limited. Contact Dorothee Williams at Members Mortgage Co., Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union's mortgage lending partner, at 1-800-316-9790; or e-mail <Dorothee@membersmortgage.com>.

Money talk: Women's Business Network

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Network presents "Finance and Investments Workshop" presented by Susan Big of Solomon Smith & Barney and Annette Tibodeau of Waddell & Reed Inc.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Jefferson on the Park, 100 Hawthorne Way, Lawrence.

A continental breakfast will be provided by host Jefferson on the Park.

Susan N. Big is a financial consultant with Solomon Smith Barney. She has BA and MS degrees from the State University of New York, and an MBA from Simmons College School of Management. Big works with individuals and companies in the development of long and short-term investment strategies.

Annette H. Tibodeau is a financial adviser with Waddell & Reed Inc. She has a BS in managerial economics from Bentley College. Tibodeau works with individuals, families, and businesses on all aspects of financial planning to help her clients achieve their financial goals.

Monderer Design co-sponsors MIT Software Symposium

Stewart Monderer of Andover, and his company, Monderer Design <www.monderer.com>, a strategic design and visual communications firm in Cambridge, will be co-sponsoring and designing conference communications for the MIT Sloan Club of Boston's 3rd Annual Software Symposium, to be held Saturday, Oct. 5 at the MIT Tang Center.

The event's focus will be on the continued tumult and changes in the software and services sectors of the technology market.



At the vintage European automotive invitational at the Lanam Club on Sunday, Bob Abbott revs the engine of his classic Jaguar.

Time for vintage automobiles

Royal event blends dunhill watches with classic cars

By Neil Fater

THERE ARE ONLY 30 STORES in America that sell timepieces by the London company dunhill. None of them have ever put on an event like the car show this Sunday by Royal Jewelers.

Drawing on dunhill's beginnings as a company that provided accessories for England's early motorists, Royal co-owner Steven Leed tied together the launch of dunhill's new line of watches with a vintage European automotive invitational.

Car owners and invited Andover residents ogled dozens of classic and rare Jaguars, Mercedes, Porsches and Austin Healeys on the back lawn at the Lanam Club, off North Main Street. Then they could step under a covering to view the new line of dunhill watches, and other dunhill products; or they could enjoy the club's food; or watch as cigars were



The radiator cap of a 1933 Pierce Arrow Salon Club Sedan.

hand-rolled for them to enjoy.

"It's what I'm all about. It's the automobiles, the cigars... This is me. This is fun," said Leed. "It's an afternoon of passion. That's what we called it."

It was also an afternoon to make people more aware of the dunhill line.



Royal Jewelers co-owner Steven Leed (left) and Michael Hofman, senior vice president of dunhill, with a 1955 Gullwing Mercedes 300SL.

The early history of dunhill is this: Alfred Dunhill took over his family's harness-making business in 1893 at age 21. When the motor car was launched three years later, Dunhill began to offer items such as clothing, headlamps and horns for motorists.

The new line of dunhill timepieces, which will be available at Royal Jewelers on Main Street and sell for about \$800 to \$4,000, "hearkens back to our original timepieces," said Worthy Bodey, dunhill's wholesale manager for the United States.

"That motoring heritage was really our beginning. Steve (Leed) had this idea to really draw out people who have that interest," she said, "to tie into a customer who can appreciate what we're all about."

Many of the people present on Sunday were also appreciating the bevy of automotive beauties gracing the back lawn and adjacent parking lot.

"It's really a treat to have all these great vehicles and not have hordes of people wandering around," said Chris Poole, of Stoneybrook Circle, who was eyeing a 1968 Mercedes 280SE. "I love this car. With five kids, I need something large."

Poole's children who attended the event each chose favorite cars of their own.

Owners of the various cars came from throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Brant Sayer brought his 1956 Austin Healey BNZ 100M from Hampstead, N.H.

"I had an Austin Healey when I got out of college. It's a nostalgia thing," he said. "There aren't going to be a lot of old cars around because they're crushing them."

Leed said he'd be interested in making the event an annual one.



Jackie Pfeffer works out at Gold's Gym Executive Health and Fitness Club in Andover. The club officially celebrated its grand opening last week.

GRAND OPENING

Pumping iron downtown

By Ben Hellman

Gold's Gym Executive Health and Fitness Club officially celebrated its grand opening last week. The 9,600-square-foot health club is located at 10-12 Main St.

Formerly a women-only establishment called Silverado Athletic Club, the club now welcomes men, though manager Matt Manarino says membership is still 85-percent women.

Track lighting and an exposed brick wall are part of the changes associated with the club's new image. "It's a New York, boutique-style club," says managing partner David DosSantos. The space was designed by Rudy Fabiano of Fabiano Designs International, a health-club architectural firm based in Montclair, N.J.

The new men's locker room has a mounted television that plays ESPN "24/7," said Manarino. The lockers have wooden doors and brass-handled lockers complete with brass name plates for those

who rent.

Shower stalls have a curtained changing area and blow driers are mounted on either side of a large mirror for cleaning up after a workout.

A fleet of low-impact upper and lower body cross-training machines face four televisions, each set to a different channel. Members can plug their headphones directly into the machines and decide which of the TV's to listen to while they work out. The club also has circuit-training machines — formerly called Nautilus machines, says Manarino — treadmills and stationary bikes.

For an old-fashioned workout, the club provides barbells and dumbbells. The club's free weights are rubber coated and have grip handles for easy handling.

Members will also have access to the larger Methuen Gold's Gym. "It's the No. 1 Gold's Gym in the world," claims DosSantos. Members of the Methuen gym will not have use of the Andover facility.

Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR



The Firehouse Center for the Arts presents *Our Town* from Oct. 10 to 27 at the Firehouse Center in Newburyport. For ticket information call Kathleen Miller at 978-462-7336, Ext. 12.

Thursday, October 3

After Expo Networking, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and American Training Inc. members \$5, non-members \$10, 5-7 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.; 978-475-1263

Theatre, the only area performance of the national tour of *RENT*, tickets \$23.50-\$42.50, 8 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Lowell tickets at box office or by calling 978-454-2299 or Ticketmaster, 617-931-2000, <www.ticketmaster.com>

Theatre, Buddy Greco's musical, *Fever: A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee*, 8 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 195 Main St., Stoneham, 781-279-2200, <www.stonehamtheatre.org>

Live comedy, Works in Progress, free, 8 p.m., Wingate Theatre, 45 Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-521-7664

Exhibitions, a multi-site art project *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf*, featuring sculptures and installations by artist Kathleen Bietti, that coincide with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Sites and art works are as follows: Lawrence, *Bedroom: Shelter II*, Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., *Bathroom I & II*, Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St., *His and Hers*, Northern Essex Community College, 45 Franklin St. for more information on exhibits or public panels call: 617-464-3559, or visit <www.artistfoundation.org>

Friday, October 4

Artist reception, opening reception for the faculty art exhibition, *Inside Out*, 7-9 p.m., Gelb Gallery, Phillips Academy

Football game, Andover High School varsity football game. Andover Golden Warriors hosting Lowell High School, \$5 adults, \$3 students/senior citizens, 7 p.m. kick off, Eugene Lovely Field, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, Jim Hurley 978-470-2031

Movie, *Nosferatu*, earliest surviving screen adaptation of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, free, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355 <www.merrimack.edu/rogers>

Live comedy, Dick Doherty, John Joyce, Jay Savage, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover, 781-938-8088

Live comedy, Michael Petit, Spike

Tobin, Mark Riley, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH

Live music, Doo Wop & Dessert with Charlie Thomas and the Drifters, the NECC student dancers featuring Ashley Sullivan of Andover, benefits NECC scholarships, call for prices, buffet 7 p.m. show, 8 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Sports and Fitness Center, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill; 978-556-3870

Fever: A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee, \$30 - 35, 8 p.m., see Oct 3 entry

Saturday, October 5

Topsfield Fair, opening day parade, 9 a.m., agricultural and livestock exhibits, petting farm, homebrew competition, arts and crafts, horse, oxen and tractor pulling contests, and a lot more family fun, \$10, children under 8 with an adult free, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Topsfield Fair Grounds, Topsfield; <www.topsfieldfair.org>

Ham and bean supper, community and families welcome, tickets advance purchase only, \$5, under 12, \$3.50, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, for more information call: 978-623-8321

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf, *Golden Handcuffs*, through Oct. 30, Phillips Academy, George Washington Hall/Steinbach Theatre Lobby; 978-749-4017, <www.addison.edu>, see Oct 3 entry

Live comedy, D.J. Hazard, Robbie Printz and others, proceeds benefit ongoing project for the Collins Center and the Television Studio at the Andover High School, \$25, 8 p.m., for tickets call: 978-623-8666 or 978-697-9110

Theatre, The story of Kahlil Gibran, \$20, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355, <www.merrimack.edu/rogers>

Theatre, New Wave Vaudeville, juggling, illusions, comedy and audience participation, \$10 advance tickets, family four pack \$35, 2 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355, <www.merrimack.edu/rogers>

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Collins Center aims for fame

AHS arts center is counting on big names to make a name for itself

By Ben Hellman

Joe Spanos is electrified. The Andover High School television-production teacher is pushing the upcoming Comedy Extravaganza at the Collins Center this Saturday, Oct. 5 at 8 p.m.

Spanos is partnering with Collins Center manager Scott Worthly under the directive of Principal Peter Anderson to get the Collins Center back on the map, and Spanos believes they've got a start.

"We've got 10 superstars," he said. Spanos has booked Brian Kiley, head writer for late night host Conan O'Brien; Robbie Printz, the 2002 Boston Comedy Fest comedian of the year; D.J. Hazard, *Comedy Central* Laugh Riot comic of the year, and a host of others for the two-and-a-half-hour show.

"These guys are all different. We're looking forward to just enjoying it," said Spanos.

Spanos is thinking big. He's getting comics on their way up now, but he guesses that when word gets out about the Collins Center he'll be getting the big names. "We will get Conan. Maybe Jay (Leno) will get a little jealous and come down," he said.

If Spanos is the front man, Worthly is making the show happen from the technical side and handling the business of running the Collins Center. "Last year we had nothing. Now at least we have a ticket maker, some computers and phone lines," said Worthly. Spanos hands over one of the comedy show's tickets. It's worthy of Ticketmaster.

"When you hand out a ticket like that it says quality. It says mature audience - PG17," said Spanos.

They are pushing the show for adults and pushing it to the Boston market. "This isn't a high-school show, it's an adult show. This is an adult high-school class," he said of the room full of upperclassmen involved in the TV production and Collins Center management classes.

Spanos and Worthly have faced an uphill battle booking



Joe Spanos (left), AHS television production teacher, and Scott Worthly, Collins Center manager, want the Collins Center to rival Boston venues.

the Collins Center. Both men are full-time employees of the school. They work with students to get things done, but no one staffs the box office on a regular basis and they have less than professional technology to work with.

"We need some wealthy Andover resident to buy us (an

electronic credit-card processor) and get a volunteer to man the box office the week of the show," said Spanos.

They were denied a one-day liquor license by Town Offices because the center is connected to the school. That's a setback because the show needs to pull customers from Boston and

local comic venues, where food, beer and drinks are as common as the laughter, says Spanos. "We just have 10 superstars," he said.

But they say it will work. They've already covered the cost of the show with sponsors, and they are looking to this event to launch the Collins Center to another level.

"We need a good cushion. If we sell out we'll have that. We've crossed our T's and dotted our I's," said Worthly.

"I love working with this guy," said Spanos.

Proceeds from the extravaganza benefit the schools' television studio and the Collins Center management class. Supporters are fund raising to buy a marquee for the Collins Center. Tickets are \$25, payable by cash or check. They are still accepting sponsors for the show.

"We don't say no, we say thank you," said Spanos.

For tickets call Worthly at 978-623-8666, or for more information log onto <www.collins-center.com>



Replacing this sign with a theatrical marquee is one of many improvements that the Collins Center management team hopes to make.



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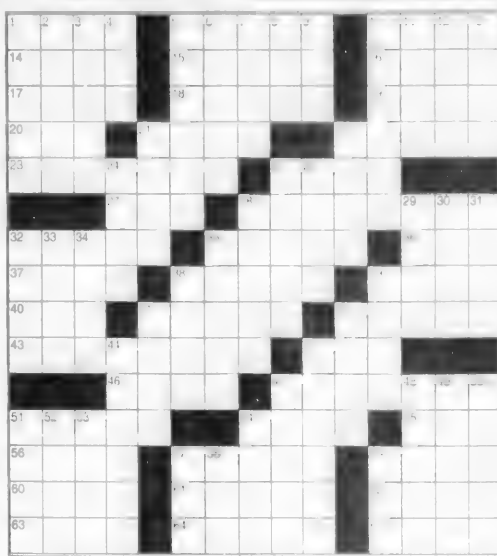
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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Tobin, Mark Riley, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Yard sale, fundraiser, Alternative House (AH), a non-profit, comprehensive battered women's organization, free, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., tables available for rent, proceeds benefit AH transitional housing, Lowell Lodge of Elks, Old Ferry Rd., Lowell; 978-758-8835.

Live music, with Kevin So and special guests, reservations suggested, \$10, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441. <www.crescentdragon.com>.

Live comedy, Tony V's one man show, \$10, 8 p.m., Wingate Theatre, 45 Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-521-7664.

Artist's reception, the Churchill

Gallery presents oil painting by Robert Kozora, 3-6 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Fever: A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee, \$30-35, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. see Oct. 3 entry.

Sunday, October 6

Andover Chinese cultural outreach, learn about China through language, songs, games and crafts, 3-4:30 p.m., Morse Hall, Phillips Academy, for more information call: 978-749-4846

Andover Korean outreach, learn the Korean alphabet, how to read, write and speak Korean, 3-4:30 p.m., Morse Hall, Phillips Academy, for more information call: 978-749-4846

Live music, David and Permelia Sears will give a piano recital for four hands, \$5, 3 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover, 978-837-5355. <www.merrimack.edu/rogers>

College fair, Northern Essex Community College with co-hosts, the Greater Newburyport College Night Association is presenting 200 colleges and universities at the New England Association of College Admissions Counselors College Fair, 2-4:30 p.m.; Michele Harris, 978-556-4617

Live music, the Family Discovery Series presents, Tom Chapin sponsored by UMass Lowell Athletics, \$10, 2 and 4 p.m., Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., South Campus, UMass Lowell; 978-934-4444.

Artist reception, Bravos Gallery presents, abstract monographs by Fay Grawjower, 4-6 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102

Strut for strays, three-mile walk to raise funds for Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society, registration noon, walk 1:30 p.m., start and end at Bartlett Mall, Newburyport; 978-462-0760.

Topsfield Fair, see Oct. 5 entry.

Fever: A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee, \$30-35, 2 p.m. see Oct. 3 entry.

Monday, October 7

Art Sale, the Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. presents their annual members exhibit and art sale, free admission, Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Nevins Memorial Library, 305 Broadway, Methuen.

Topsfield Fair, fireworks 8 p.m., see Oct. 5 entry.

Tuesday, October 8

Talk, AARP presents, Adolf Caso, of North Reading, to discuss his controversial book on Christopher

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The masterclass will be led by violinist Magdalena Richter, chairperson of the New England Conservatory Preparatory School String Department; Tess Remy-Schumacher, Principal Violoncello at the University of Oklahoma; and pianist Peter Warsaw, Instructor at Phillips Academy.

The masterclass will feature performances by Phillips Academy students. The repertoire

will include the Mozart Sinfonia Concertante for solo violin and viola performed by Arianna Warsaw-Fan from Andover and Natalie Heminger from Holden, Massachusetts. Meta Weiss, from San Francisco, California will perform the Kodaly Solo.

The class is free and open to all.

The three leaders of the masterclass comprise the core faculty for a new music performance program to be held as part of the Phillips Academy Summer session. This program is designed to challenge talented instrumen-

talists from all over the world that would like to focus on solo performance. The program will be centered around daily masterclasses, and it will also include private instruction, theory study, chamber music, and orchestral performing.

Students interested should either come to the masterclass on Oct. 6, or they should contact Peter Warsaw (pwarsaw@andover.edu) for information about the program.

For more information call the Phillips Academy Music Department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail: <music@andover.edu>.

Merrimack College sends out casting call for reading

A casting call is being held for a staged reading of *Augustine: A New Play* at the Rogers Center for the Arts, located on Turnpike Street in North Andover.

The director is seeking men ages 30 to 50, women ages 20 to 50 and one boy aged 12 years.

Rehearsals will be held mid November. A public reading is scheduled for Nov. 13. Some pay is available.

Those interested should send a picture and resume to the attention of Richard Piatt, Merrimack College, Rogers Center for the Arts, North Andover, MA 01845, by Oct. 11. Phone calls will not be accepted.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Columbus, refreshments served, free, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center, Whittier Court; Bob Sanborn, 978-475-6698.

Live jazz, with the Matt Glaser Trio 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

Art sale, reception, 6-8 p.m., see Oct. 7 entry.

Topsfield Fair, see Oct. 5 entry.

Wednesday, October 9

Cub Scout meeting, Cub Scout pack 73 will meet to discuss proper flag raising, handling and folding, 7 p.m., Bancroft Elementary School, 15 Bancroft Rd., Andover; 978-475-8459.

Destination Imagination meeting, come learn about Destination Imagination, a program to develop kids creative and problem-solving skills informal meeting, 7 p.m., Andover High School cafeteria for more information call: Tim Barash 978-475-1069 <tbarash@athl.com>.

Talk, Circles of Wisdom hosts Dan Millman, author, lecturer and seminar leader. Millman will present *Twelve Keys to Everything: The Power of Spiritual Law*, \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Rd., 978-474-8010, <www.circlesofwisdom.com>.

Merrimack Valley Camera club meeting, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-685-8317, <www.mvccameraclub.org>.

Talk, the Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack, discussion, Touring Civil War Battle Sites, free, 7:30 p.m., Hilton Senior Center, 61 Lafayette Rd., Salisbury, Mass., for

more information call: Tom 978-462-8518.

Museum trip, Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA) of UMASS - Lowell will take a trip to the Worcester Art Museum; for more information call 978-934-3135.

Topsfield Fair, see Oct. 5 entry.

Thursday, October 10

Homebased Businesswomen's Network meeting, guest speaker Laura R. Geary will talk about risk taking, 8:30 a.m., Village Green, Rte. 1 North, Danvers; Elaine Abramo 978-531-3051.

Talk, Burke School and Explorers celebrates, National Lights on Afterschool, discussions on safety, and the importance of afterschool programming, free, 6 p.m., Burke Academy, 1565 Main St., Tewksbury; 978-851-3220.

Seminar, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Eagle Tribune, present How to Make Money in Retailing Today, \$20, for first and \$15 for each additional person from the same company, 7:30-9 a.m., DiBuros Function Hall, Haverhill, call to register: 978-686-0900.

Topsfield Fair, see Oct. 5 entry.

Friday, October 11

Football game, Andover High School varsity football game, Youth Football/Cheerleader Recognition Night, Andover Golden Warriors hosting Tewksbury High School, \$5 adults, \$3 students/senior citizens, 7 p.m. kick off, Eugene Lovely Field, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road; Mr. Hurley 978-470-2031.

Candidates' Forum, the senior citizen community has invited candidates running for state senate, state representative and congressional seats to talk, continental breakfast 9:30 a.m., Andover Senior Center, reservations appreciated; 978-623-8321.

Live comedy, Chris Zito, Danny Kelly, Mindy Fay, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, Rocco & Rosie's, John Rizzo, Joey Carroll, Chuck Grover, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Art Sale, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., see Oct. 7 entry.

Topsfield Fair, see Oct. 5 entry.

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Fall fair, buffet lunch 11 a.m., dinner 5-8 p.m., country store, gift baskets, and more, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, Jaffarian Hall, 158 Main St., North Andover.

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Volunteer Orientation, learn more about Habitat for Humanity, tour the neighborhood in which Habitat builds, meet other volunteers, homeowners, learn about volunteer opportunities, free, 9-10:30 a.m., 6-8 Melrose Court, Lawrence, the building is currently under construction; 978-681-8858.

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Topsfield Fair, see Oct. 5 entry.

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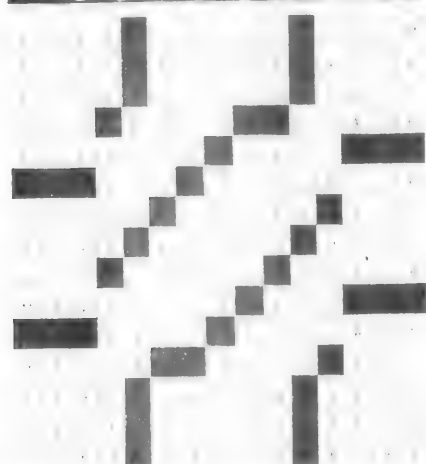
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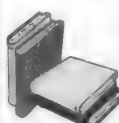
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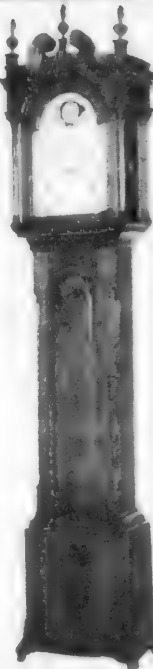
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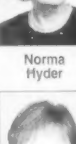
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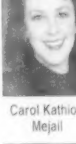
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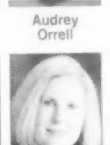
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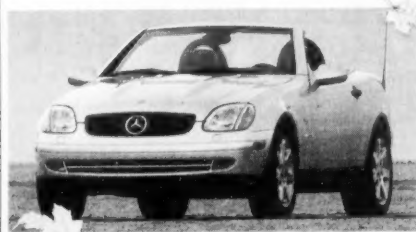
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